



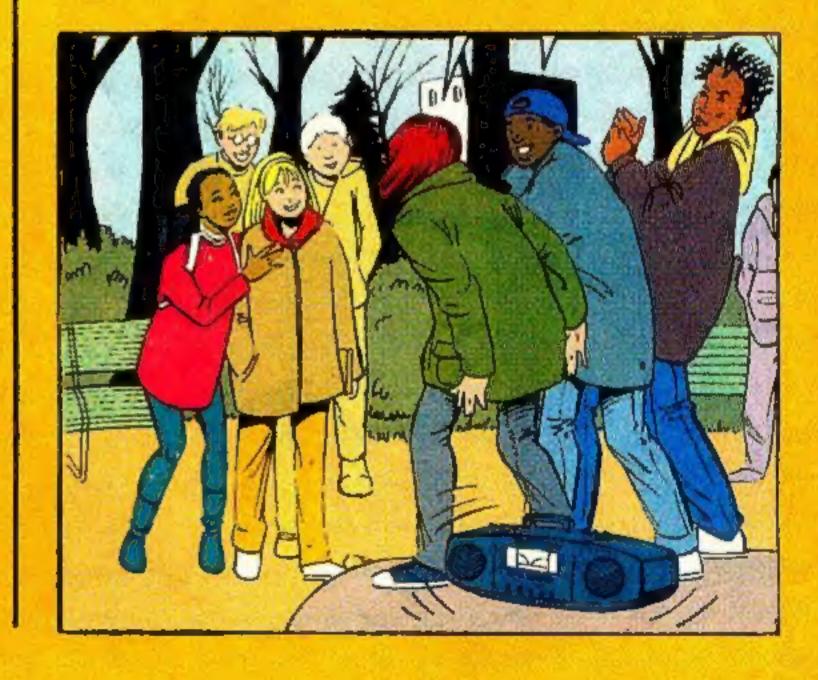
# Barbie THIS ISSUE



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Brown eyes by the seashore!

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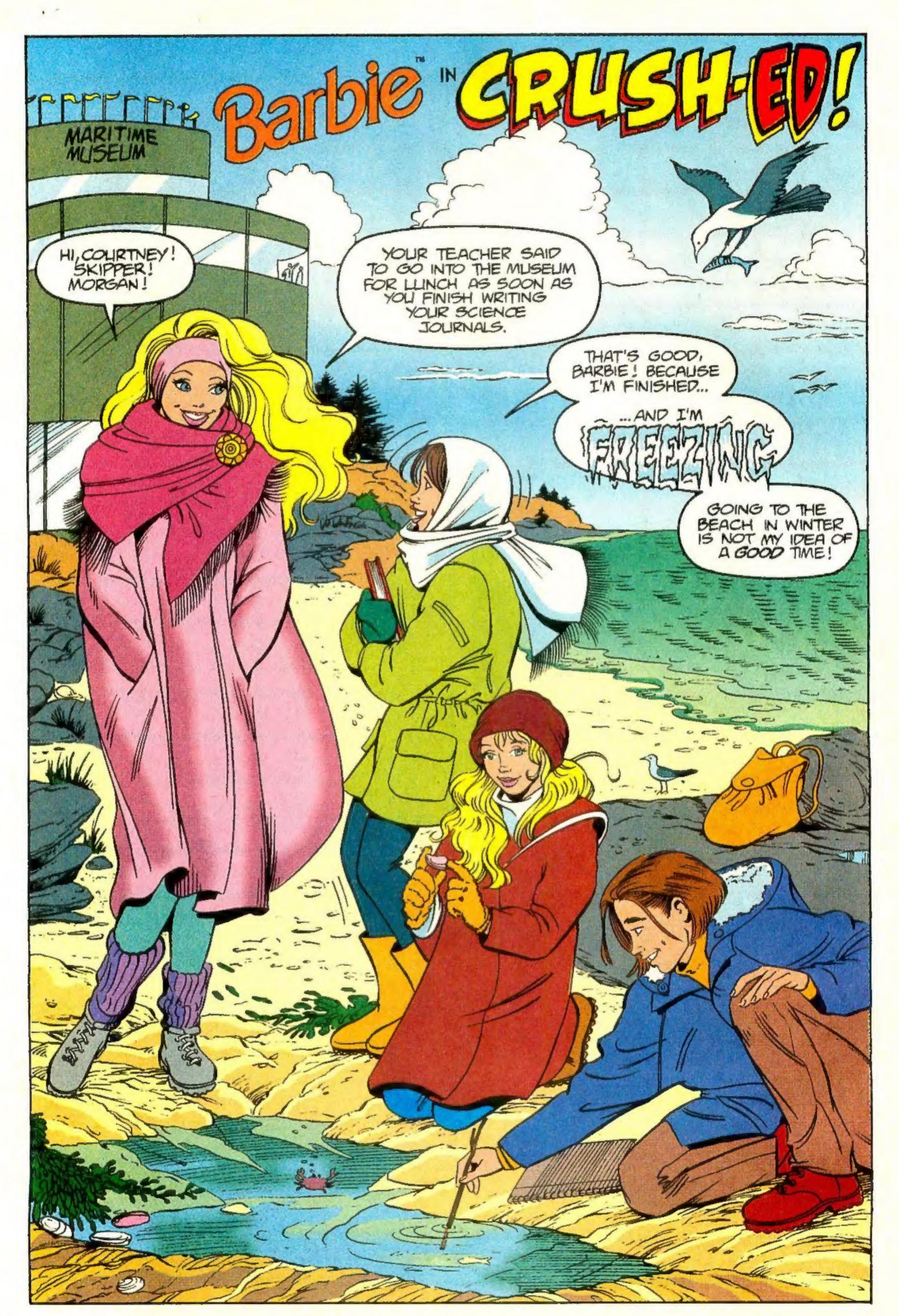
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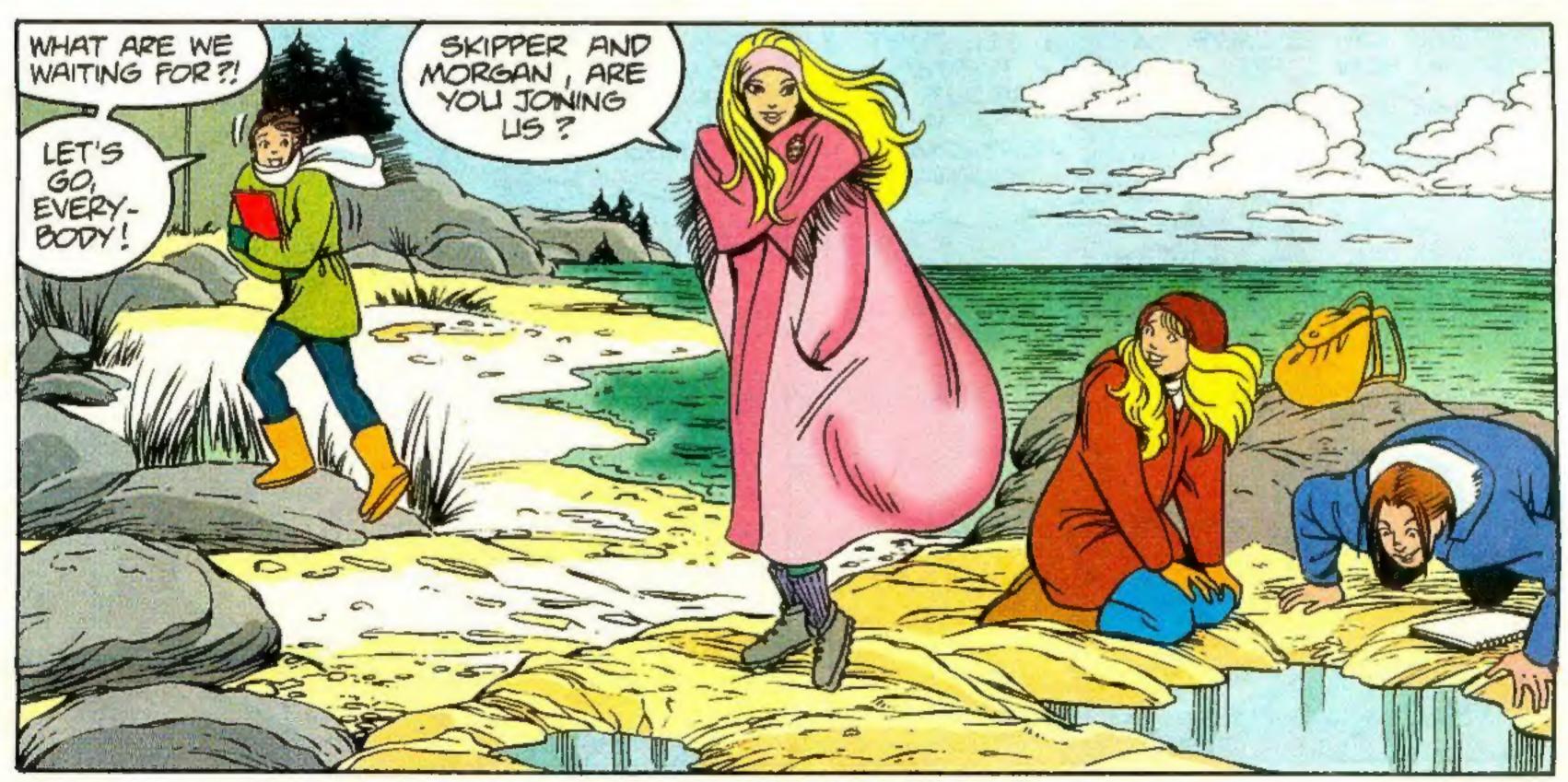






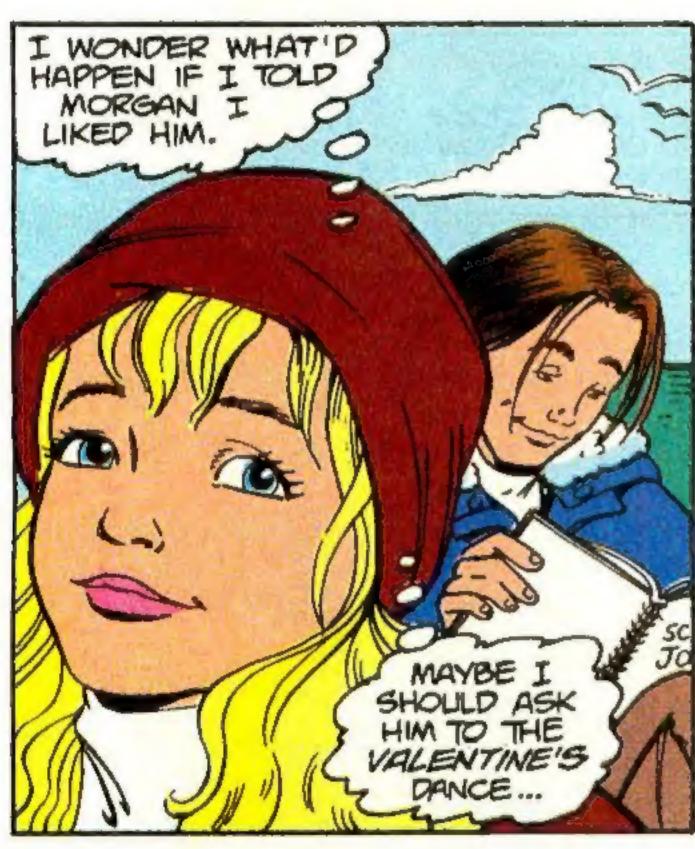


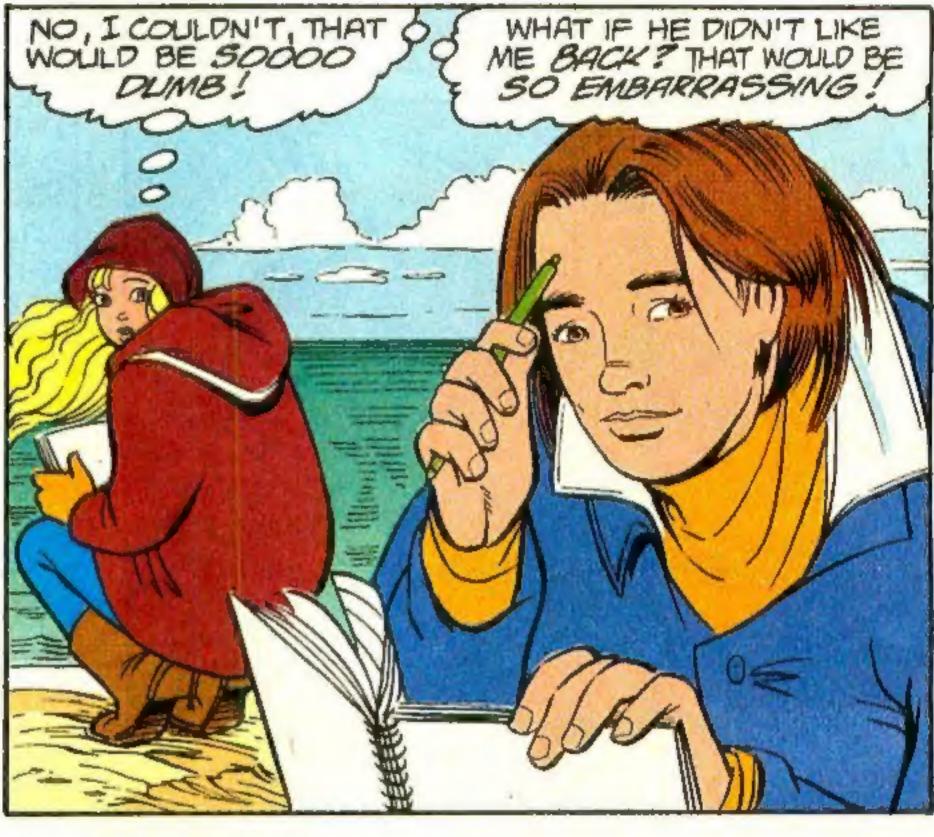


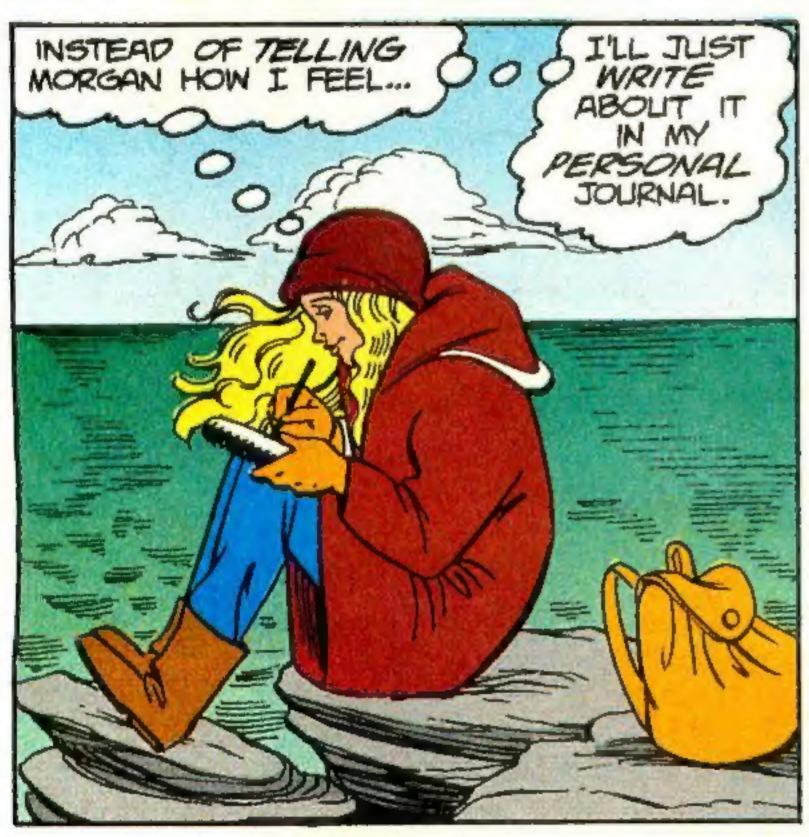






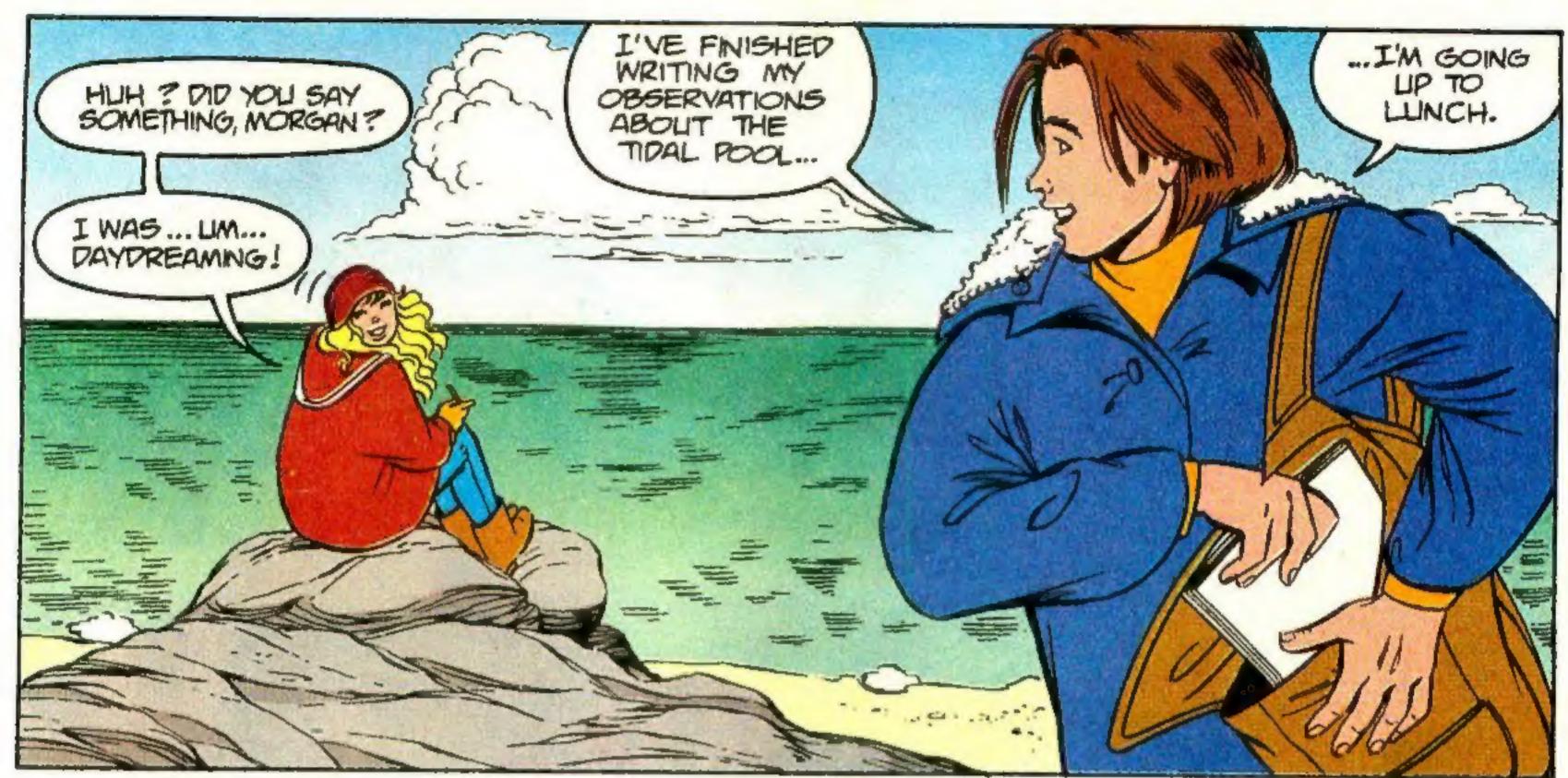






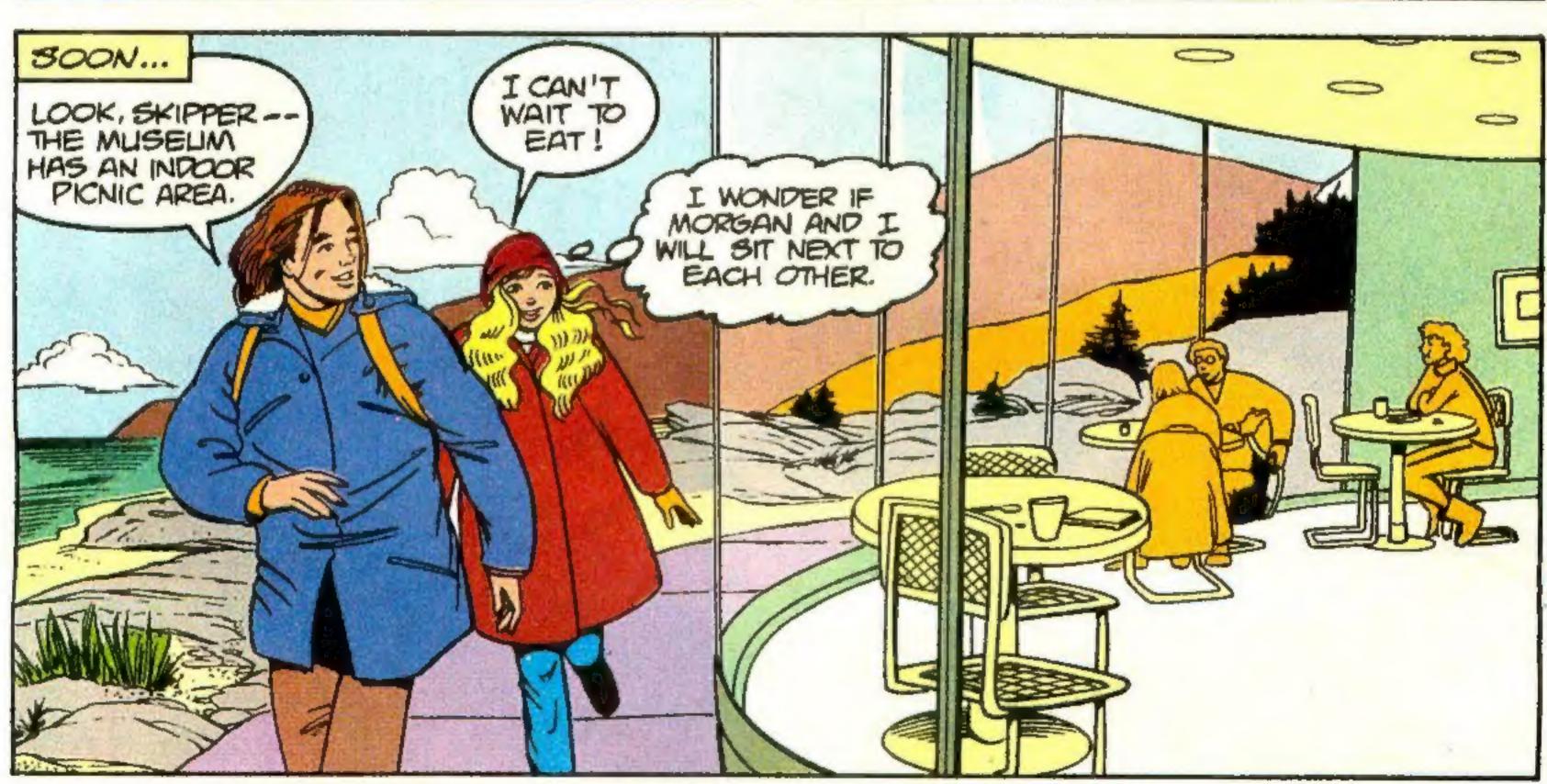












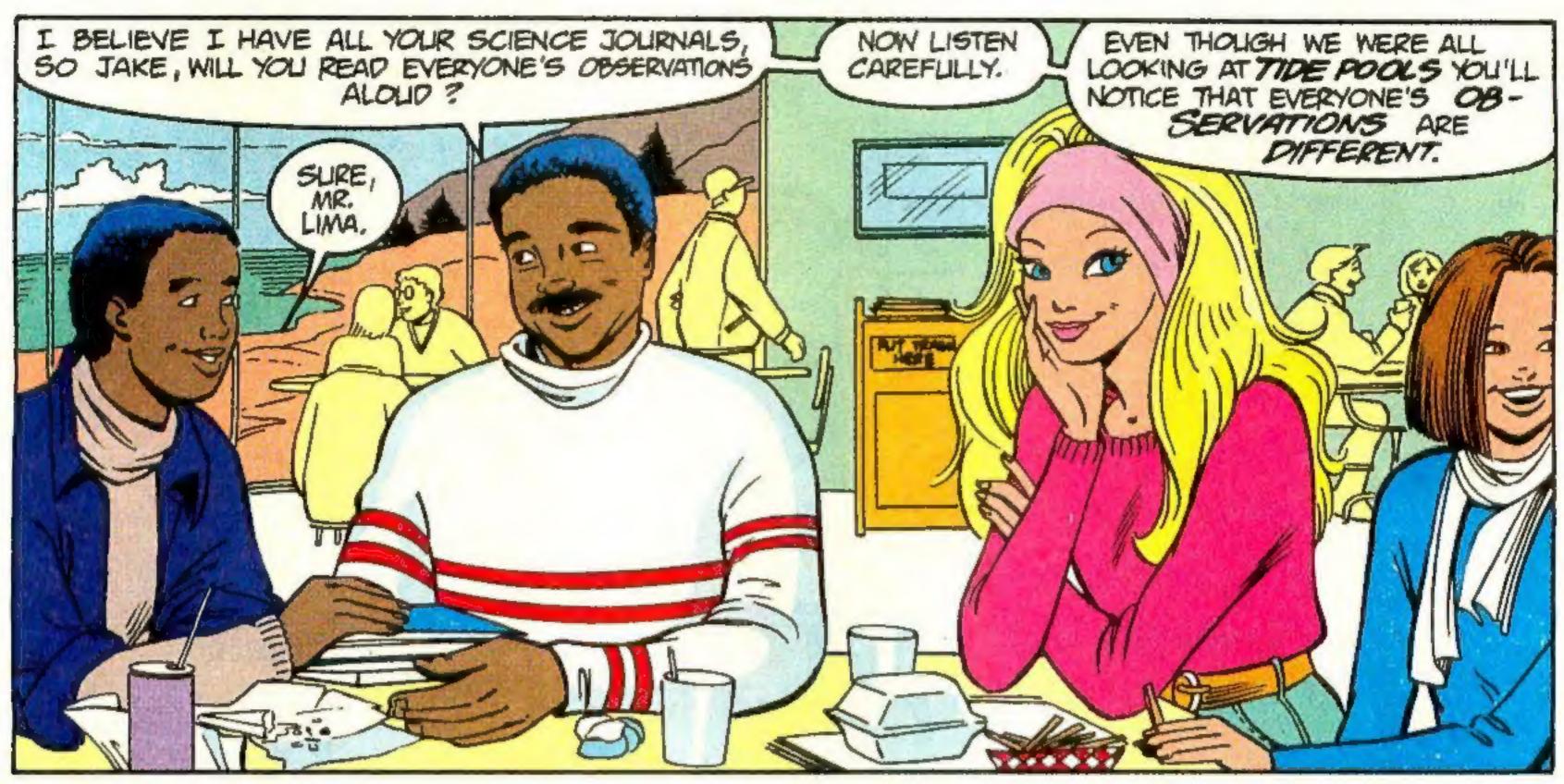


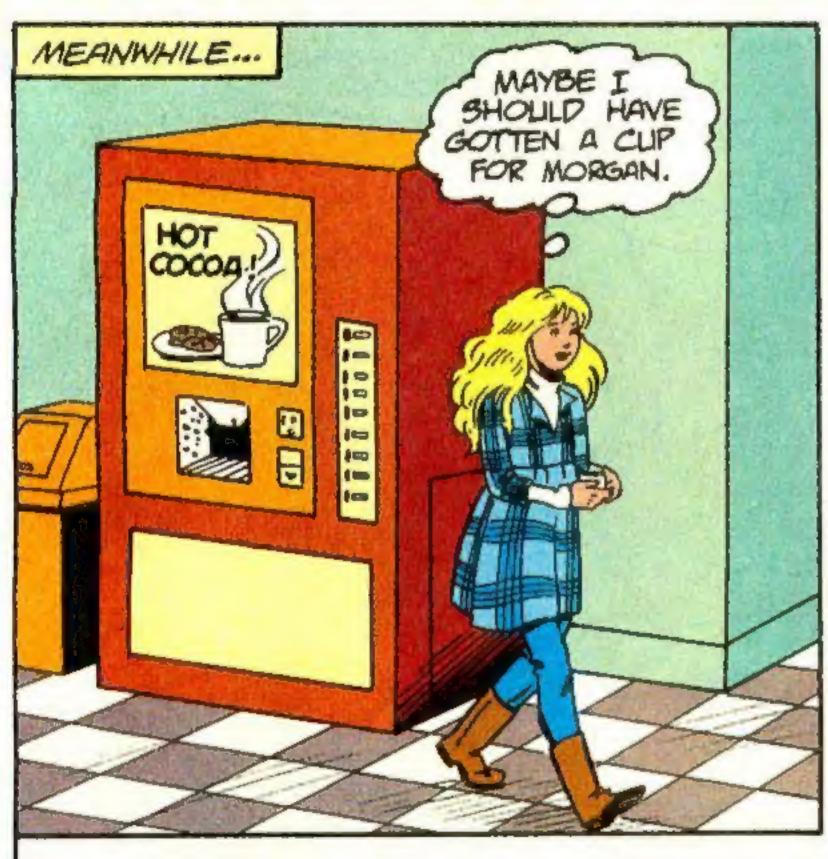


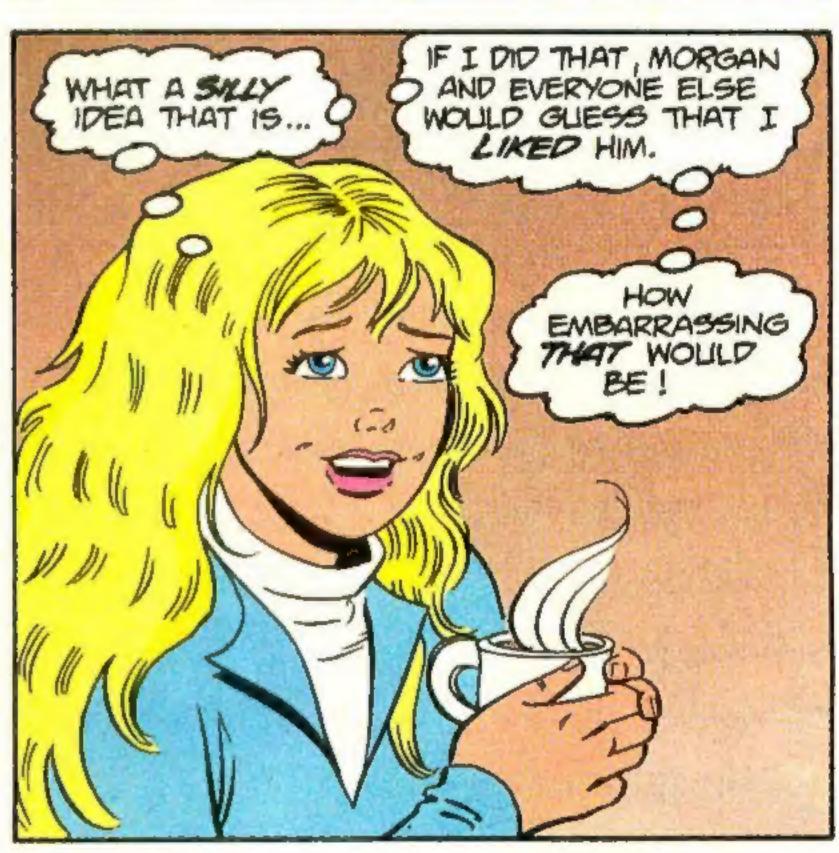






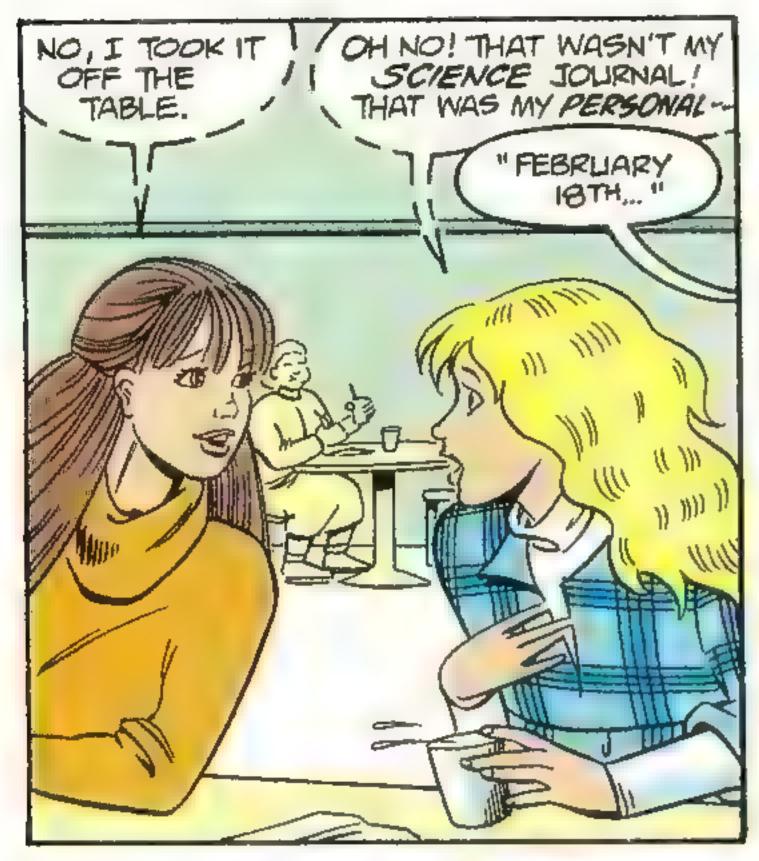


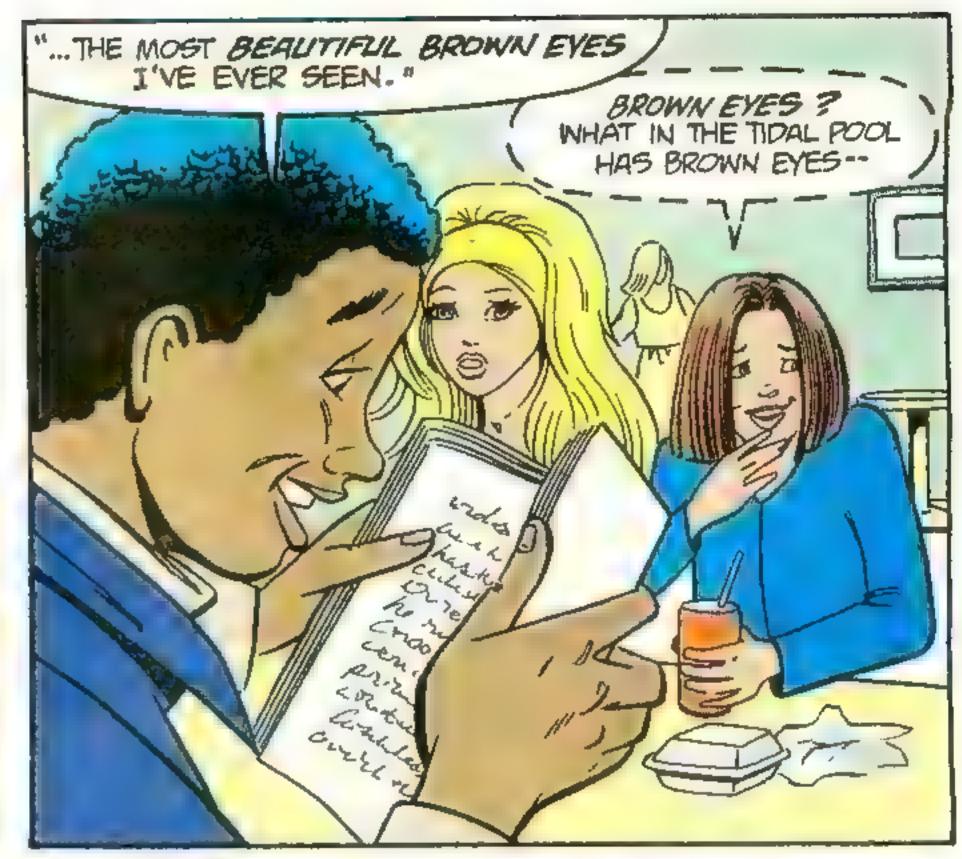






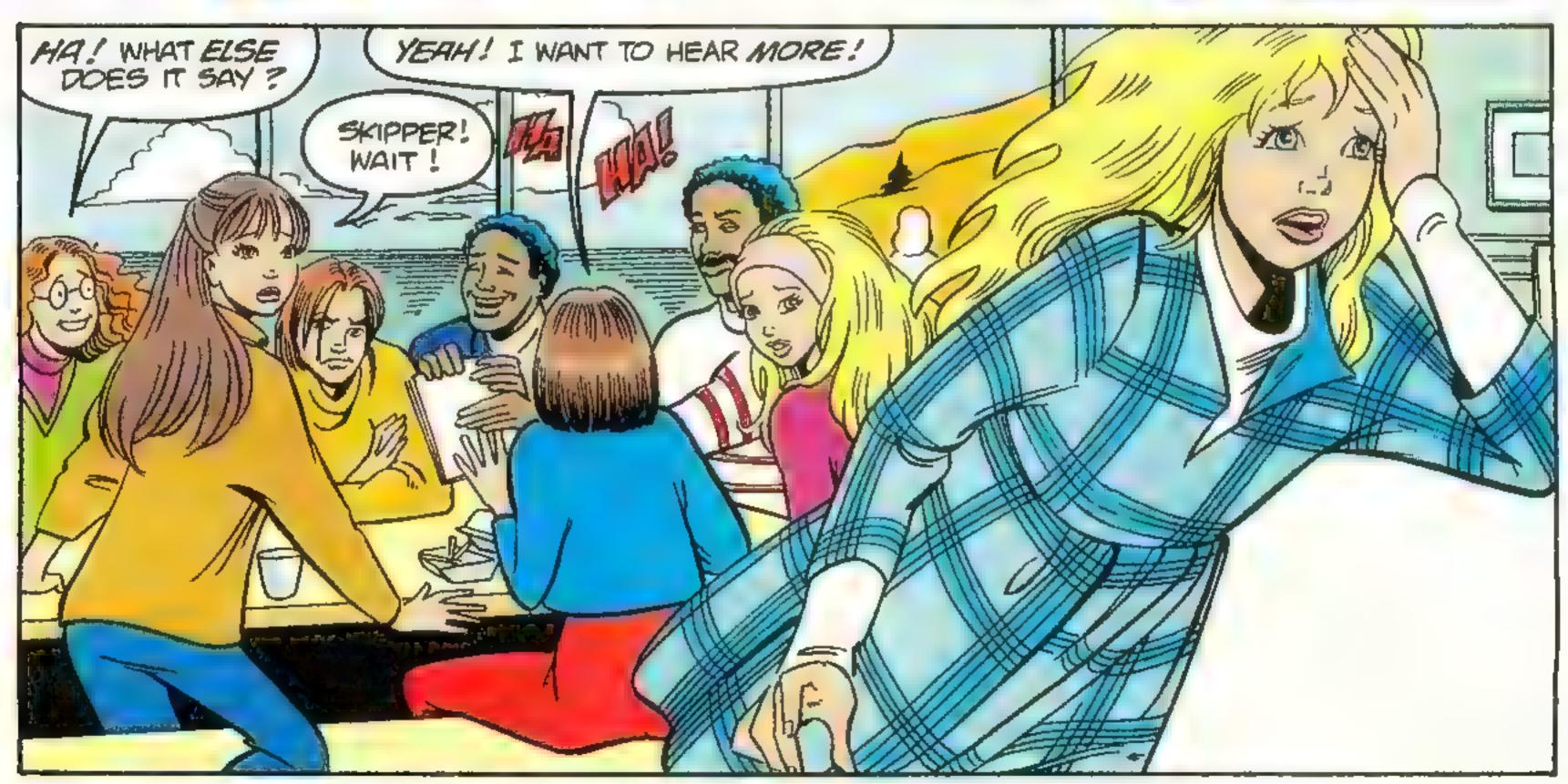




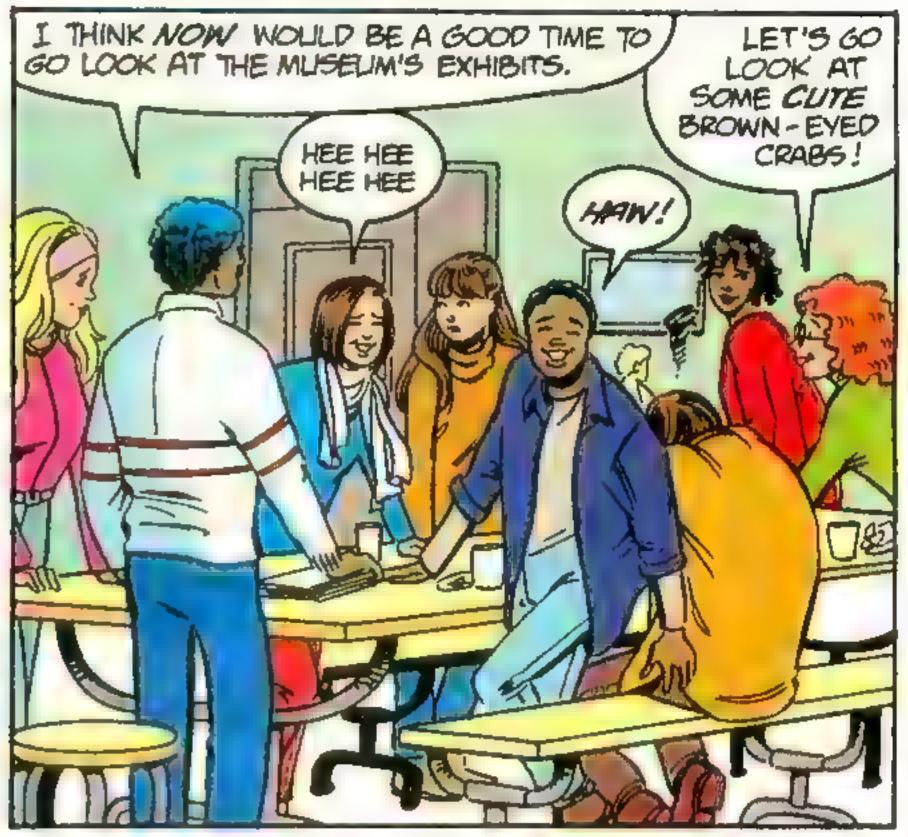


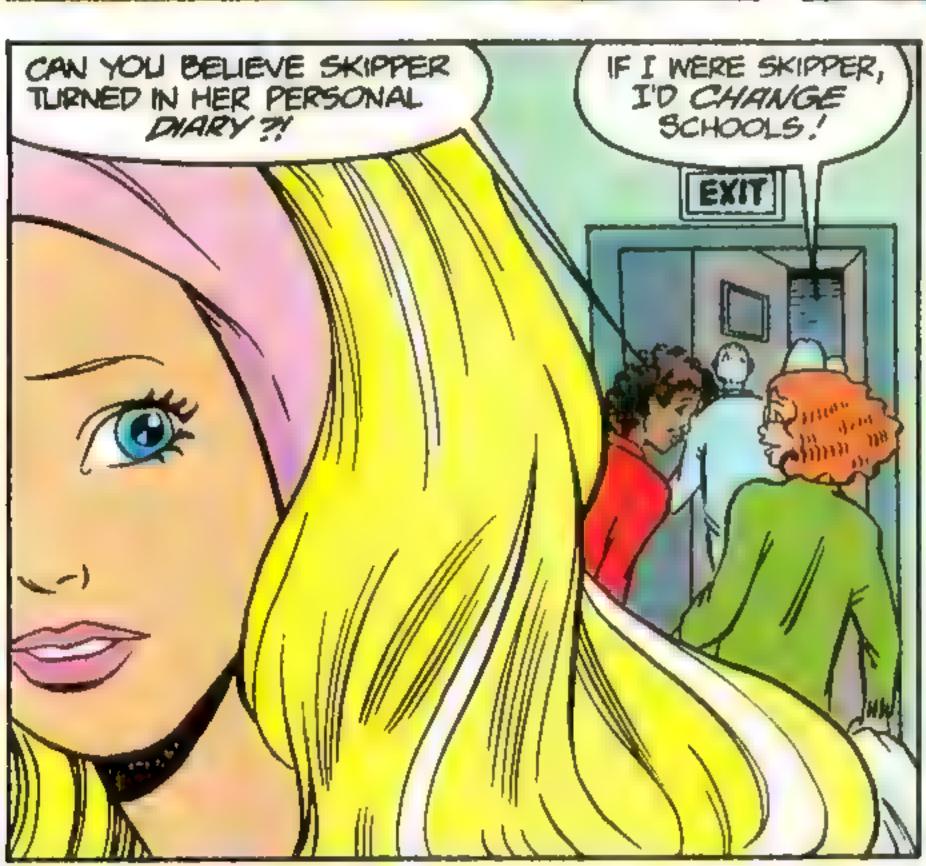


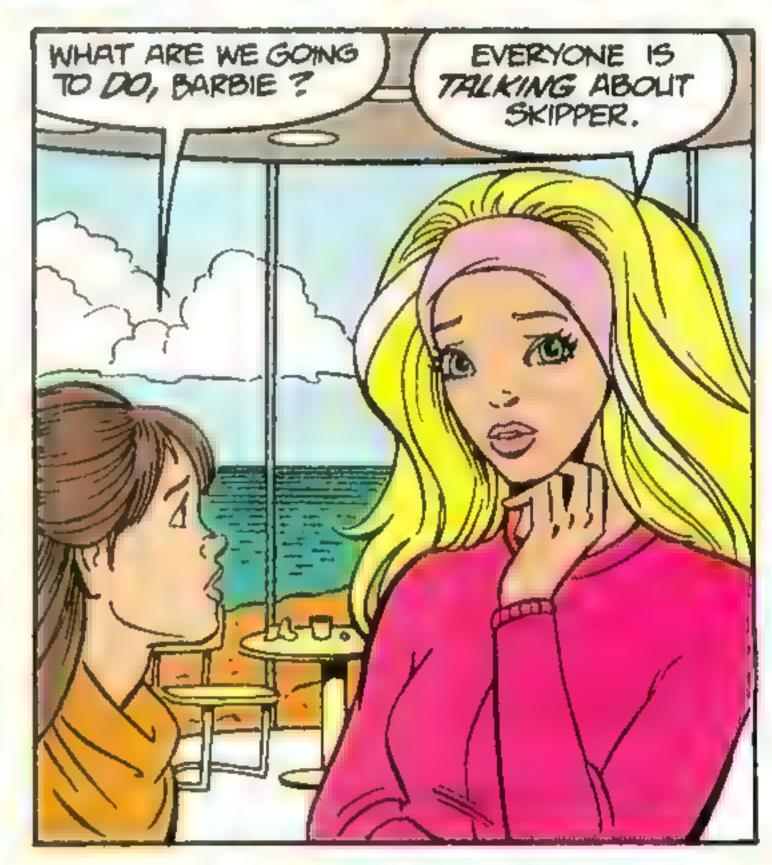










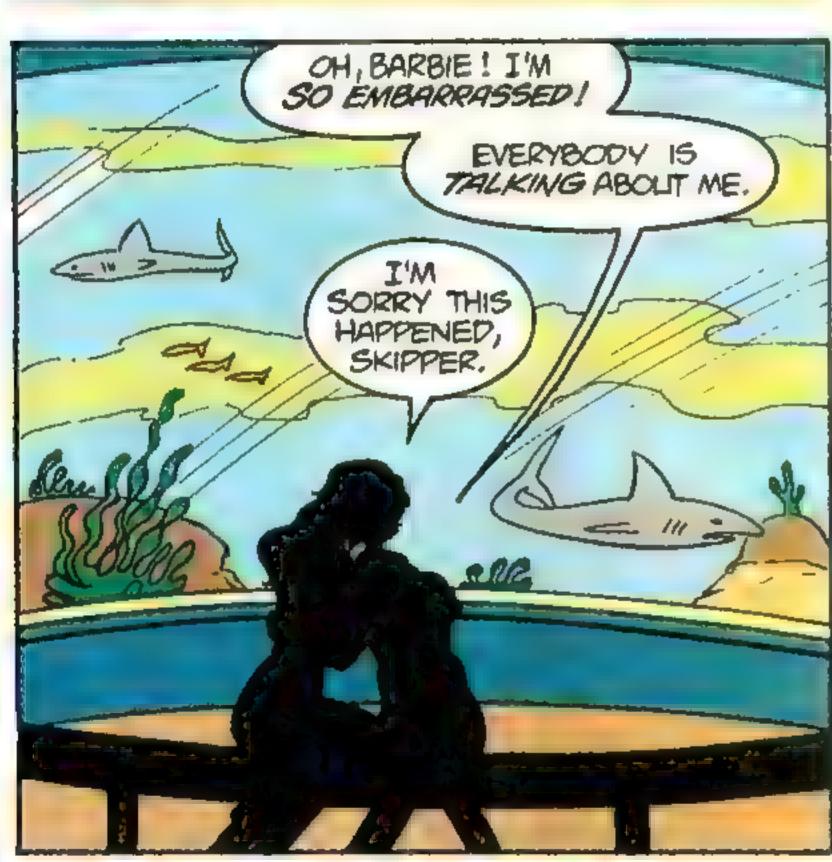




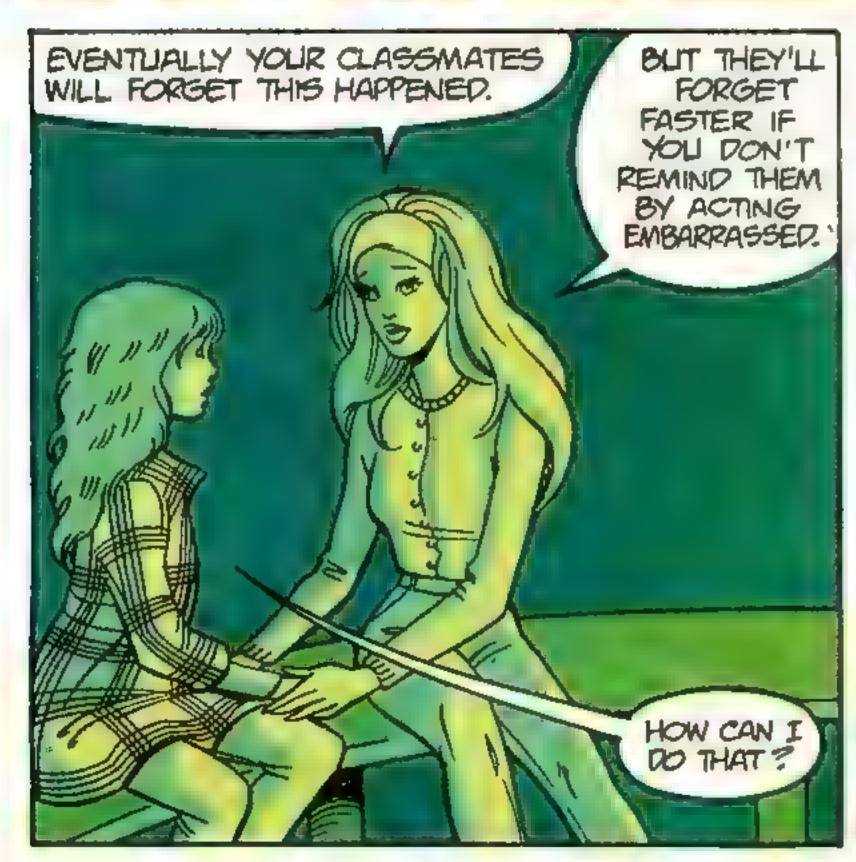














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Play with it.

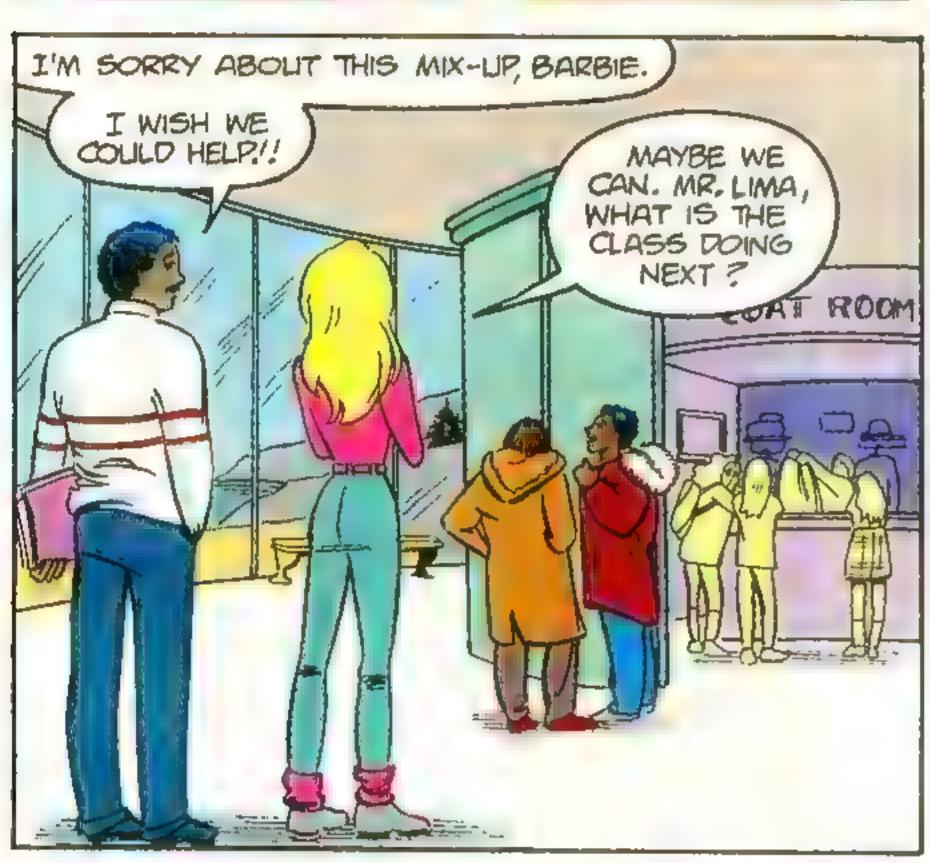
Eaf if up.

Twizzlers Pull-n-Peel.

Chewy delicious cherry-flavored candy

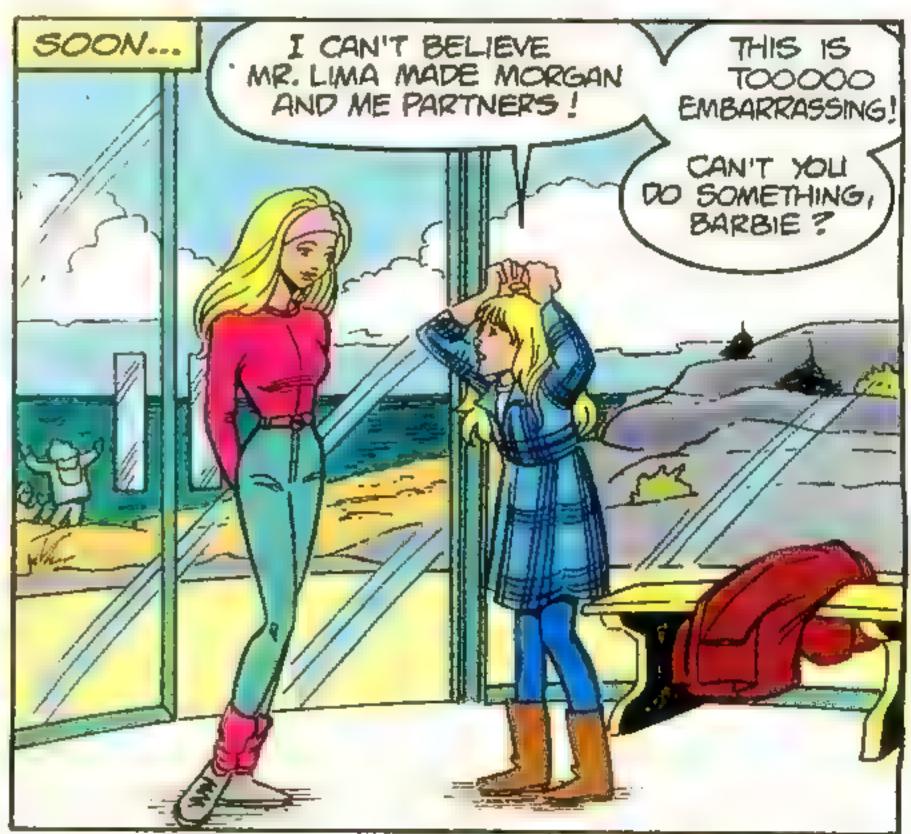




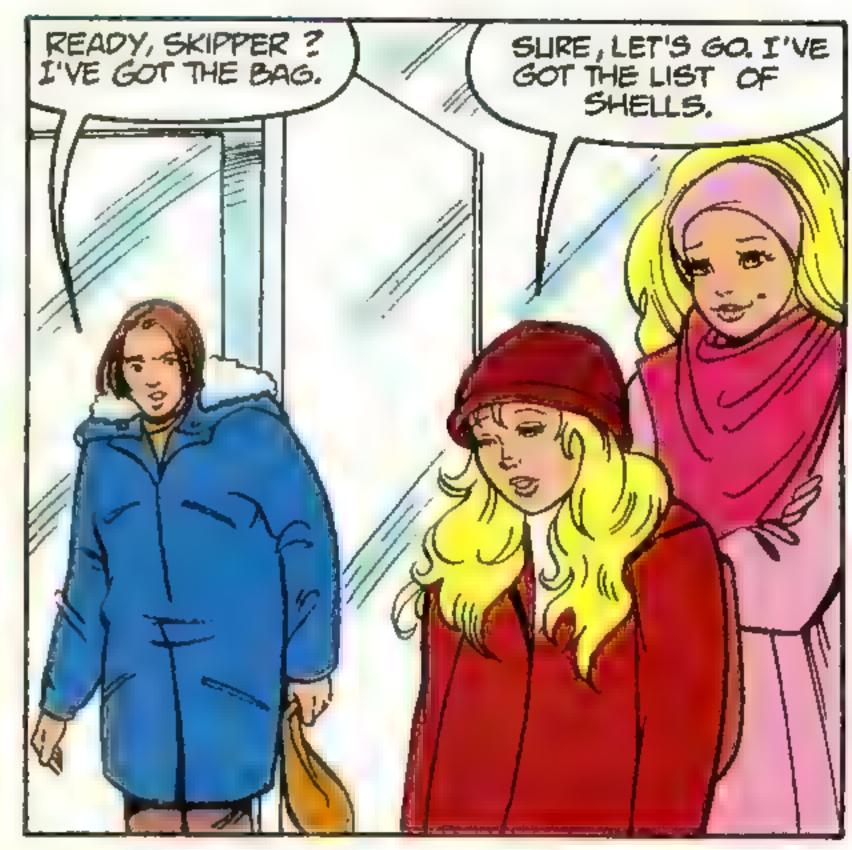












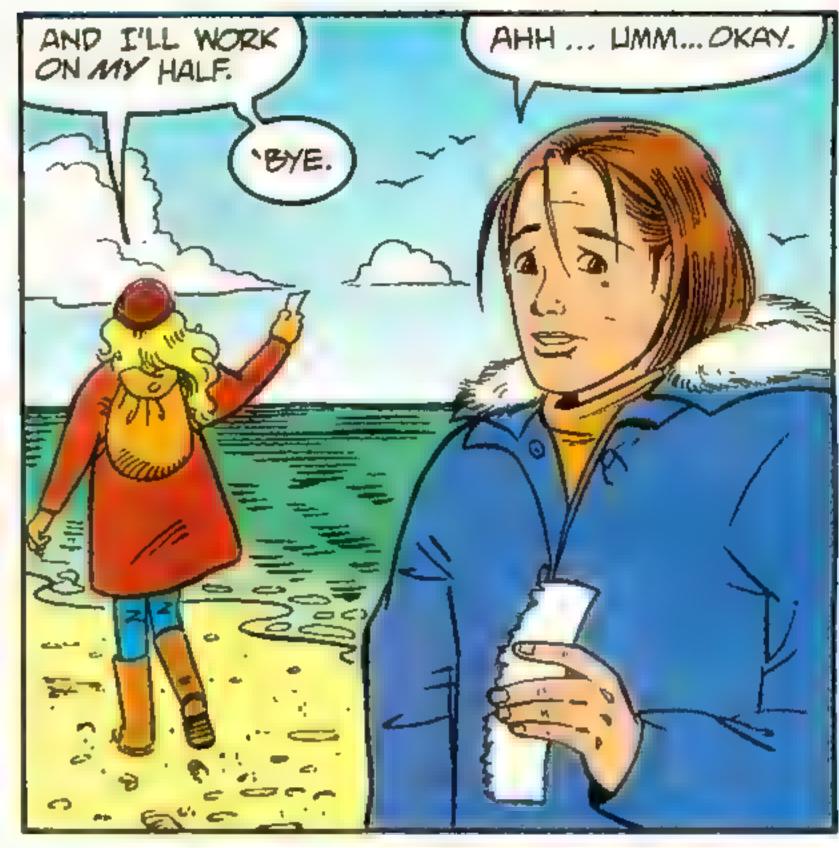










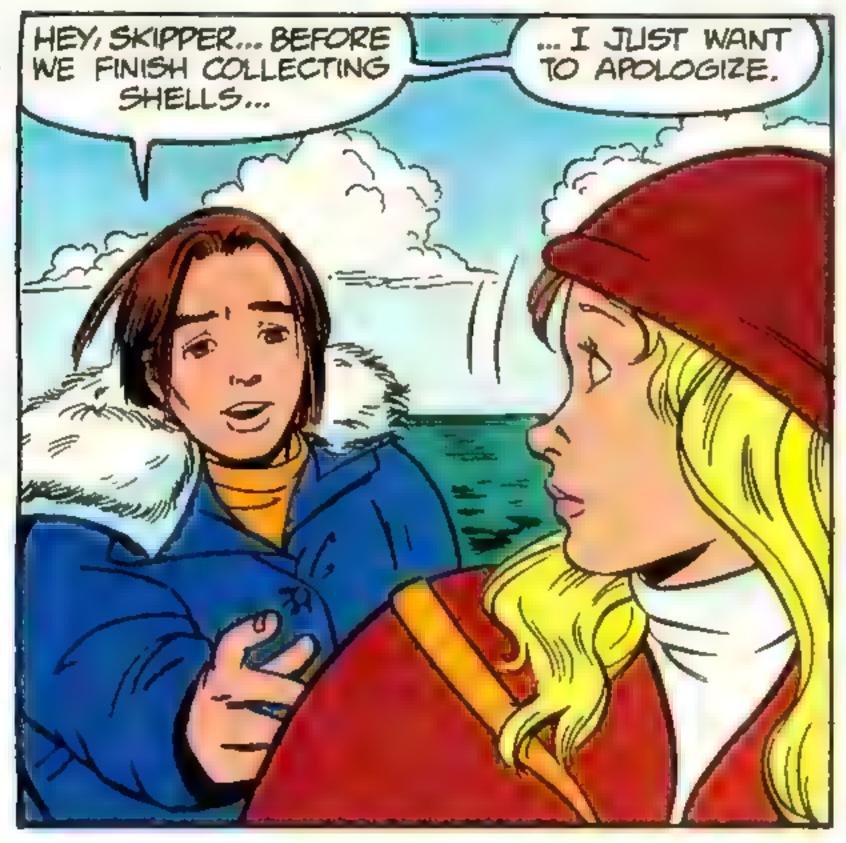


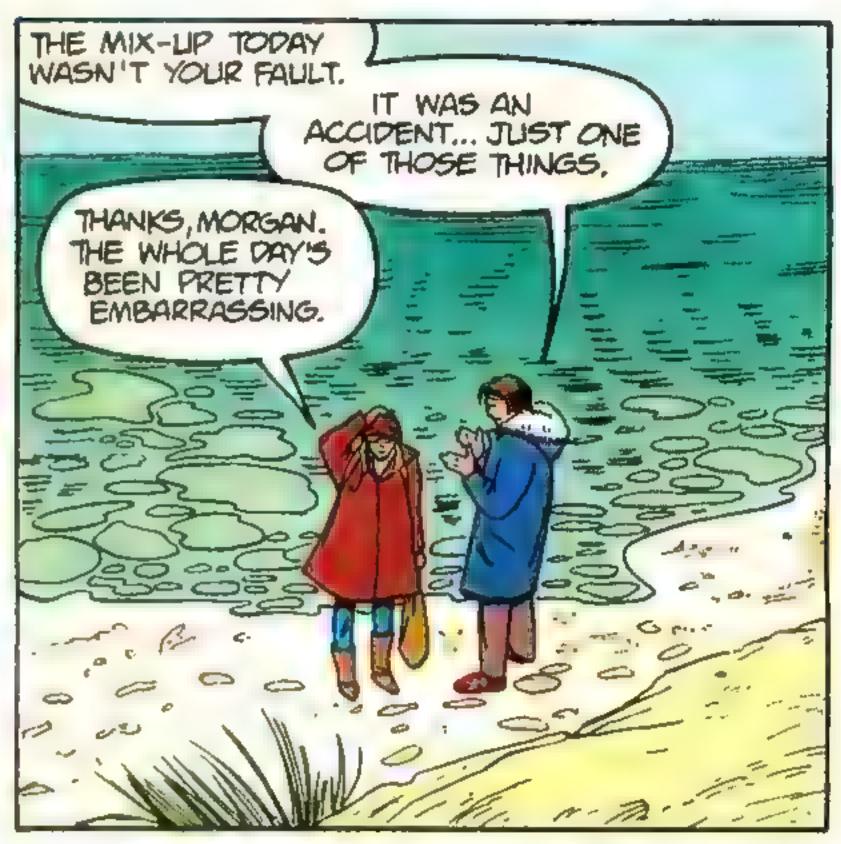


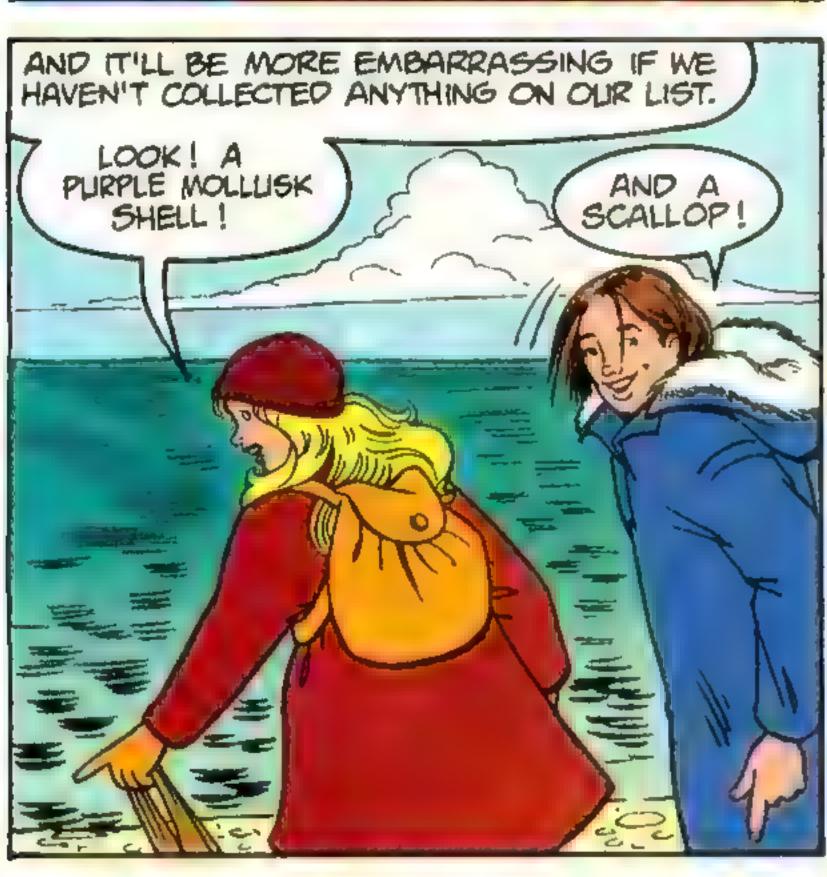


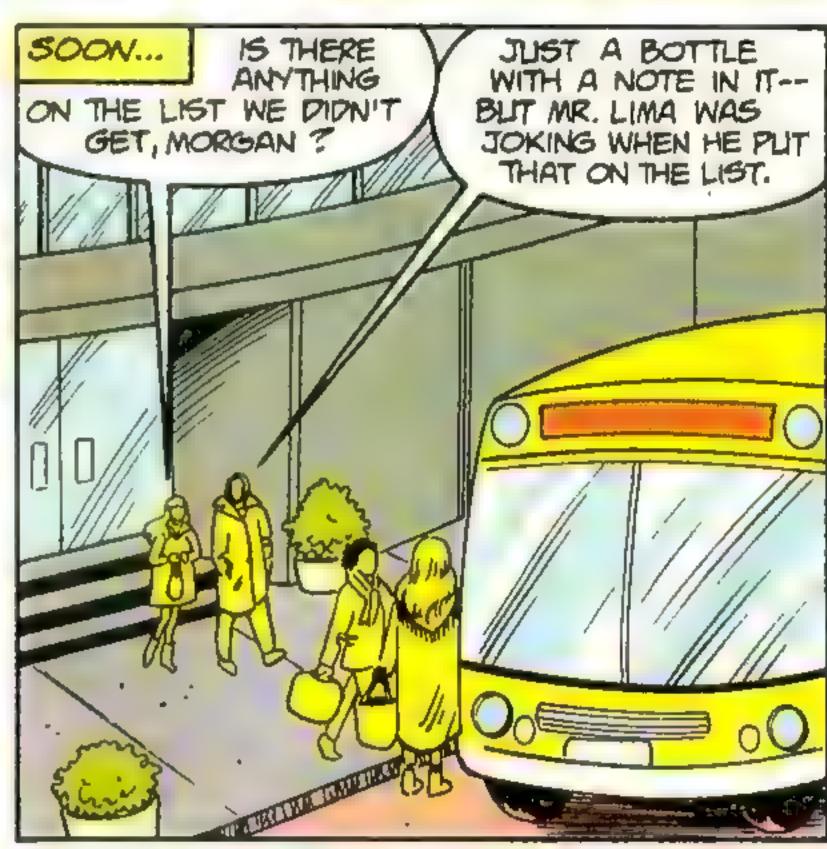
















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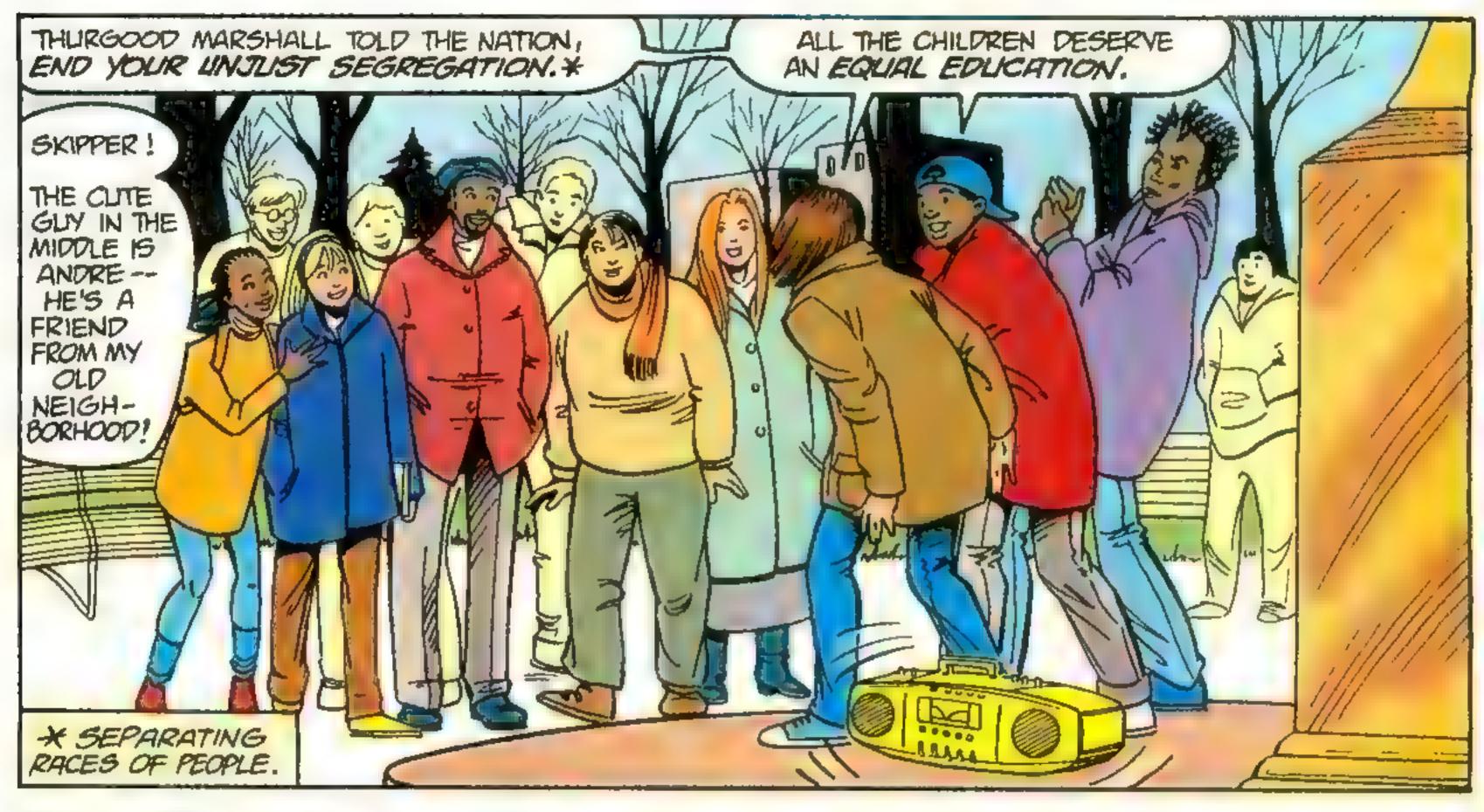
Pasta with Tomato & Cheese Spuce

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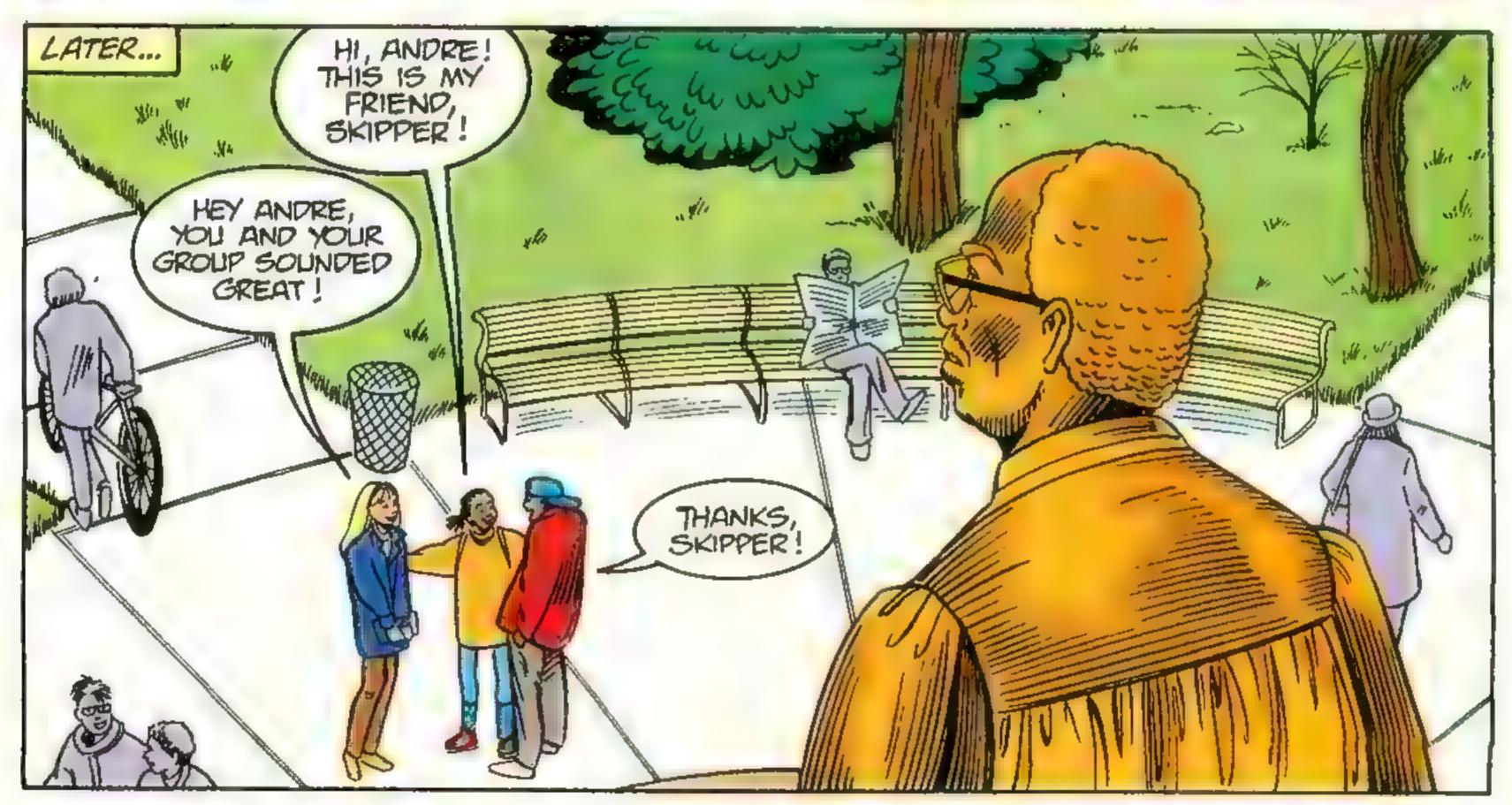
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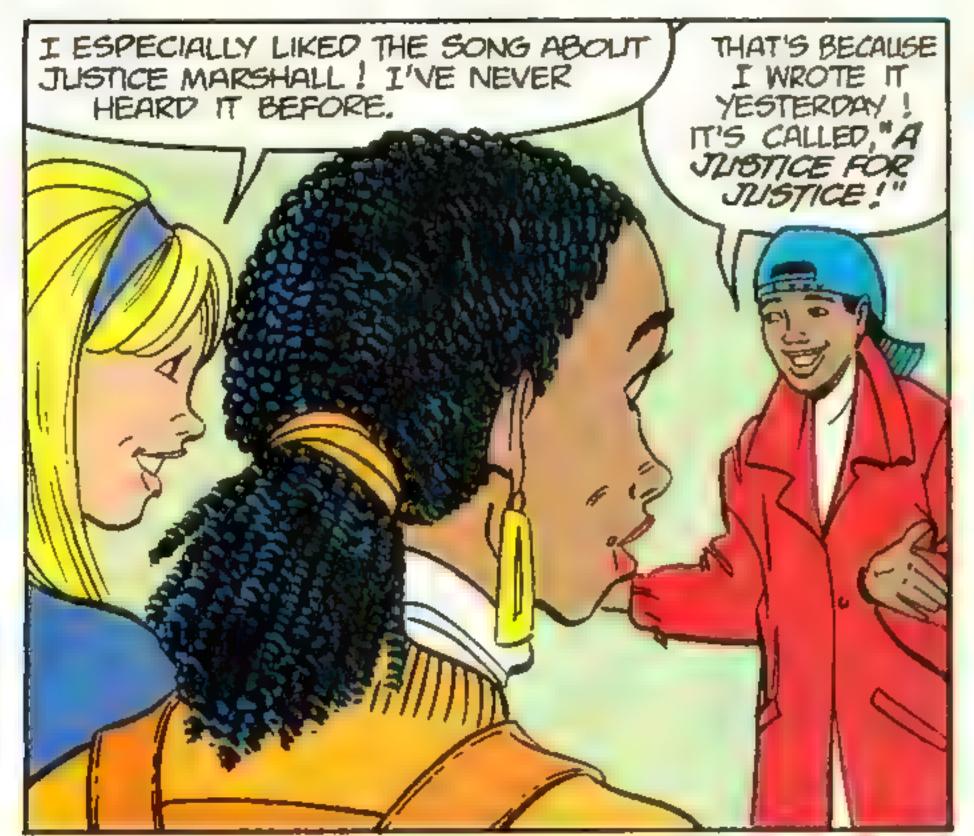
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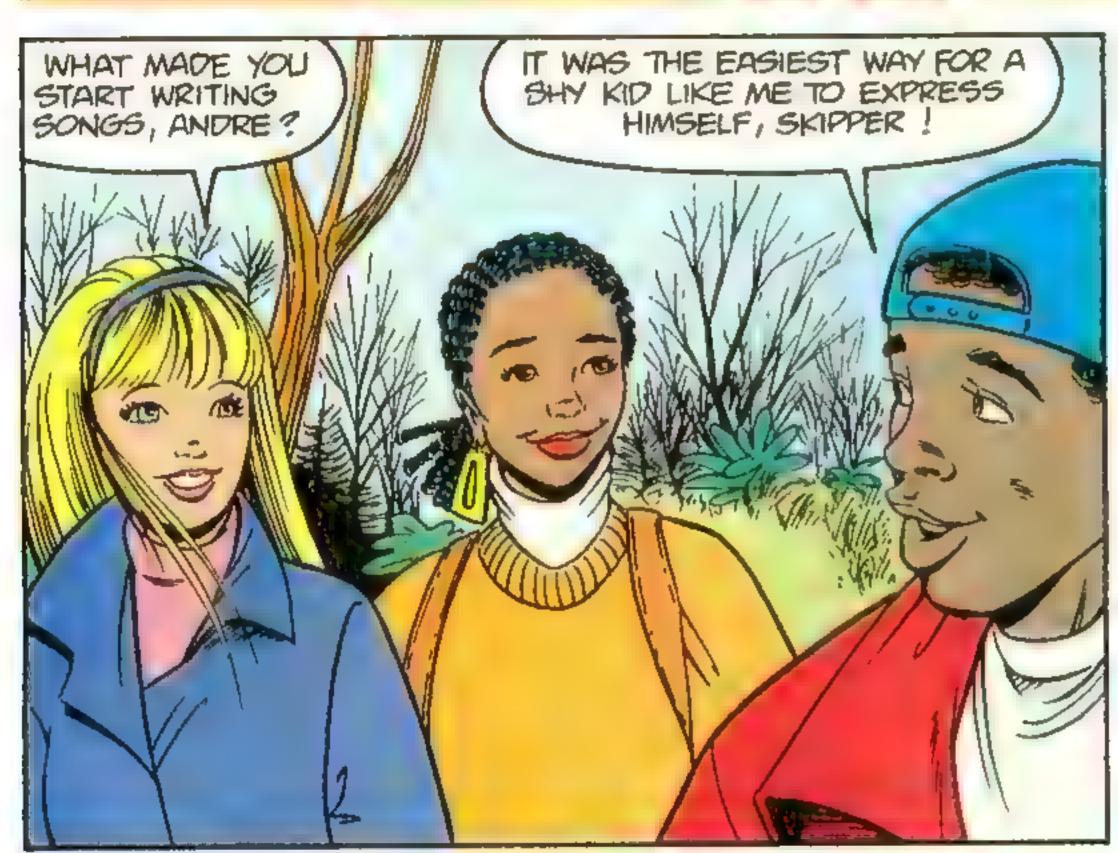


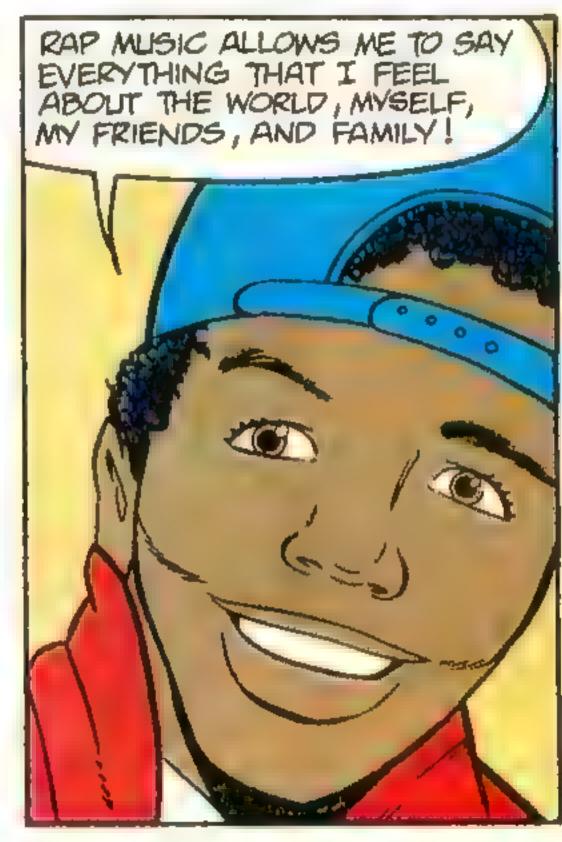


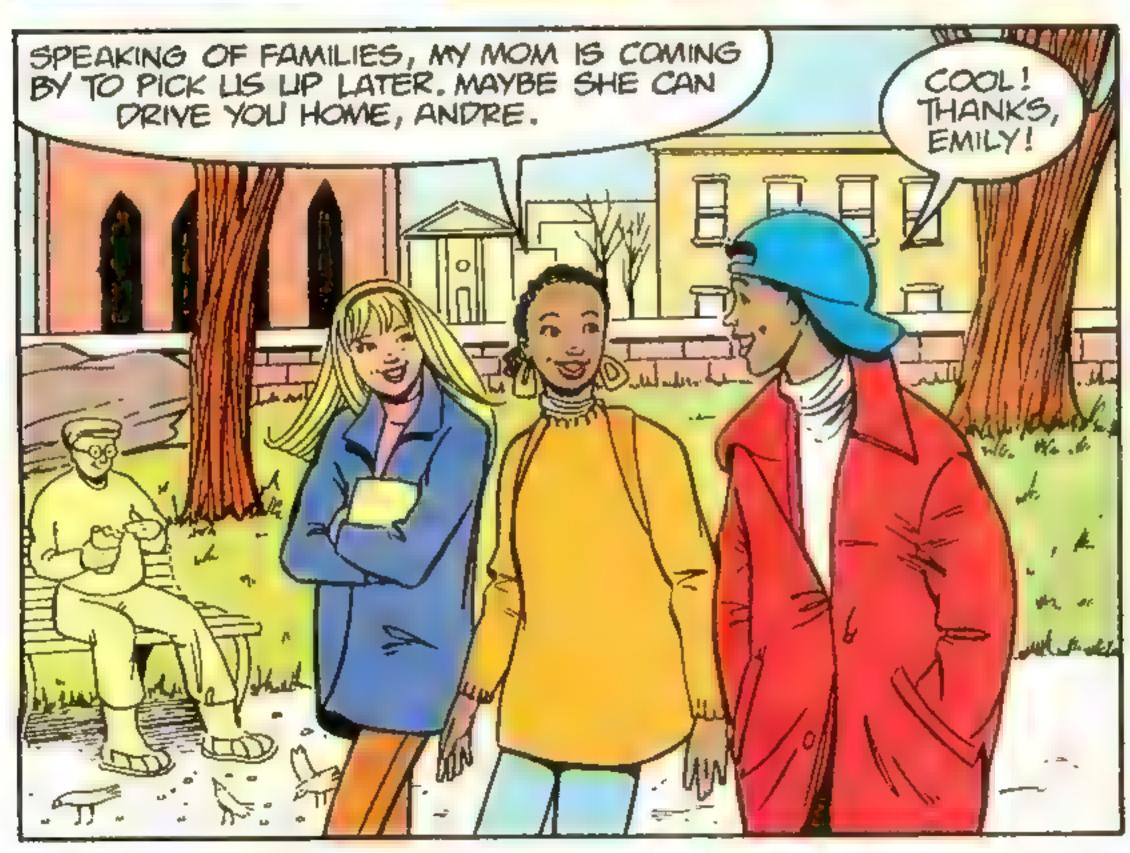






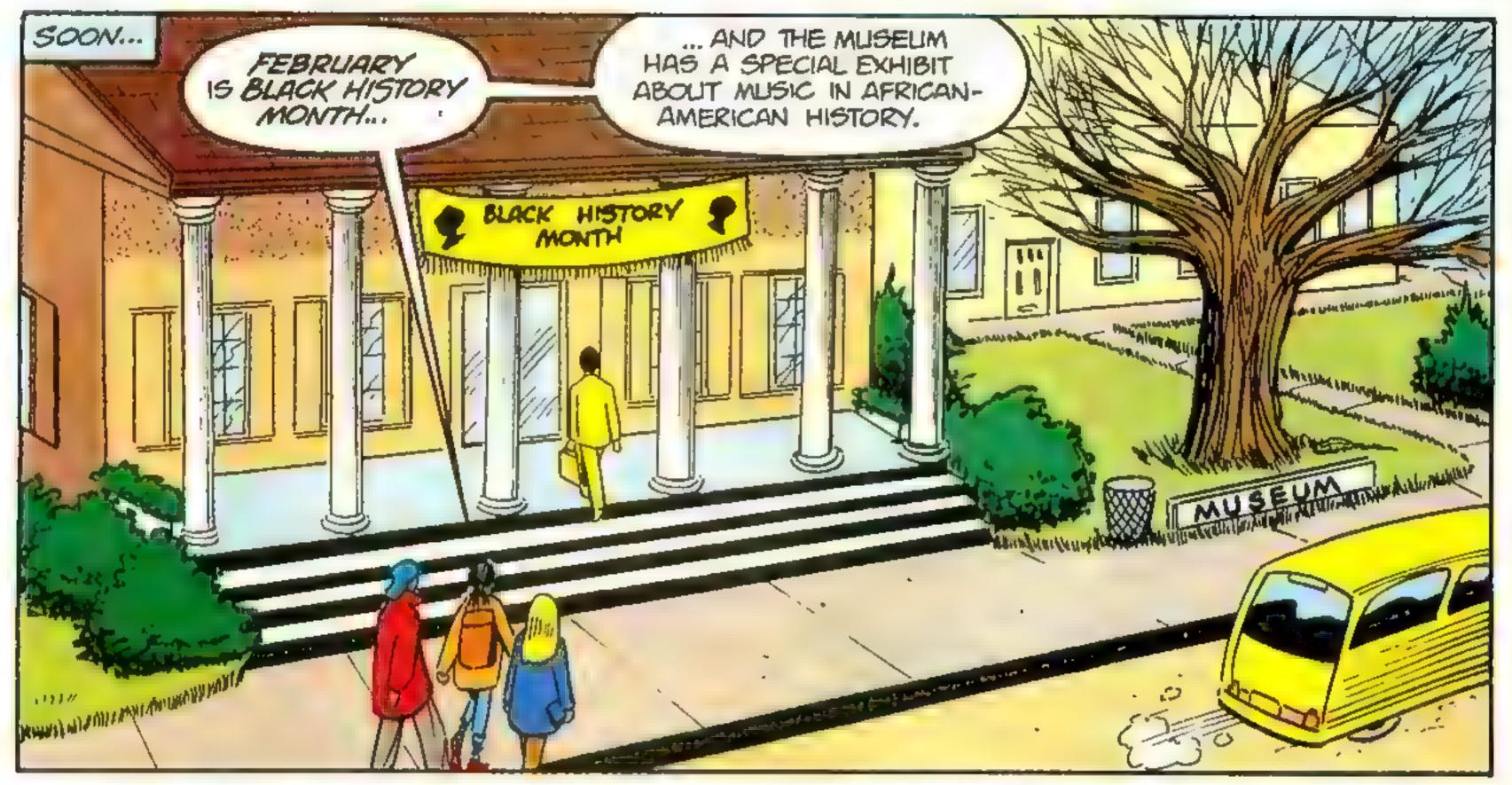


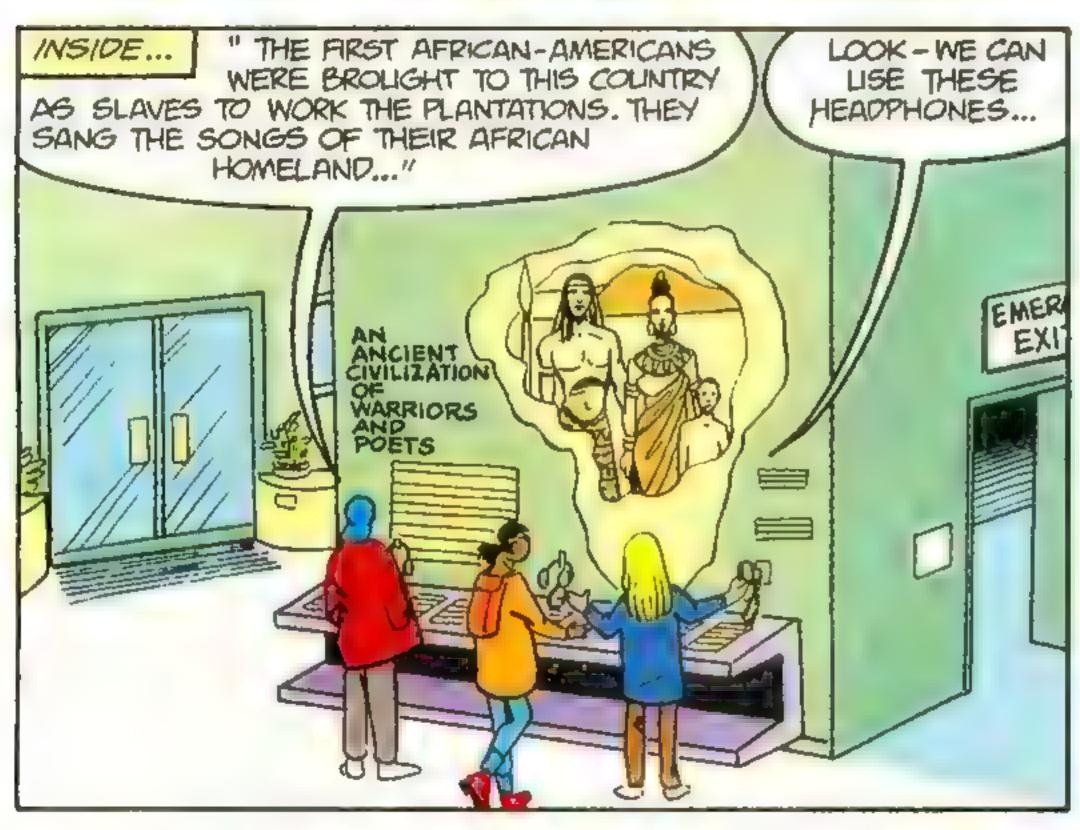




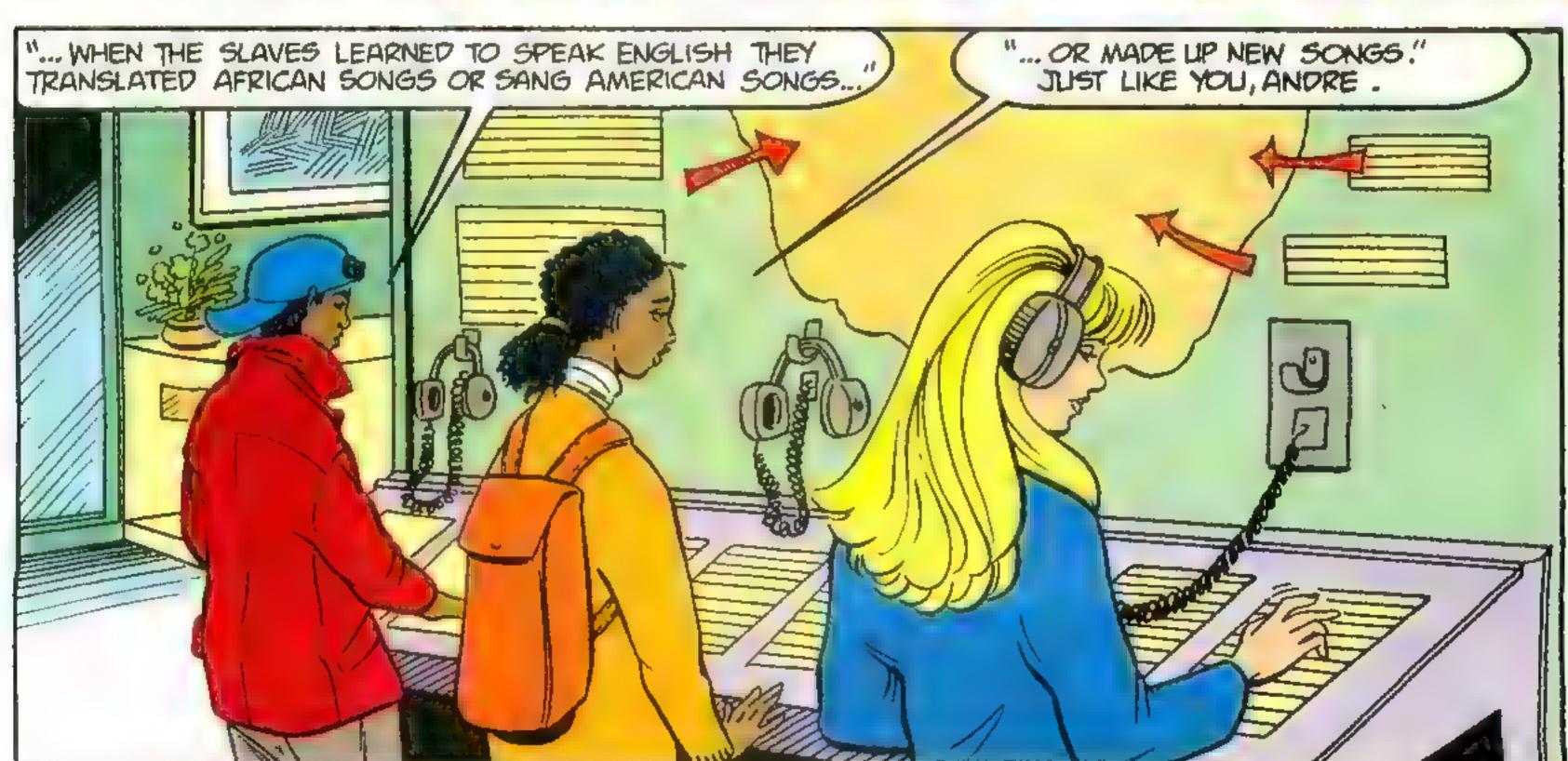






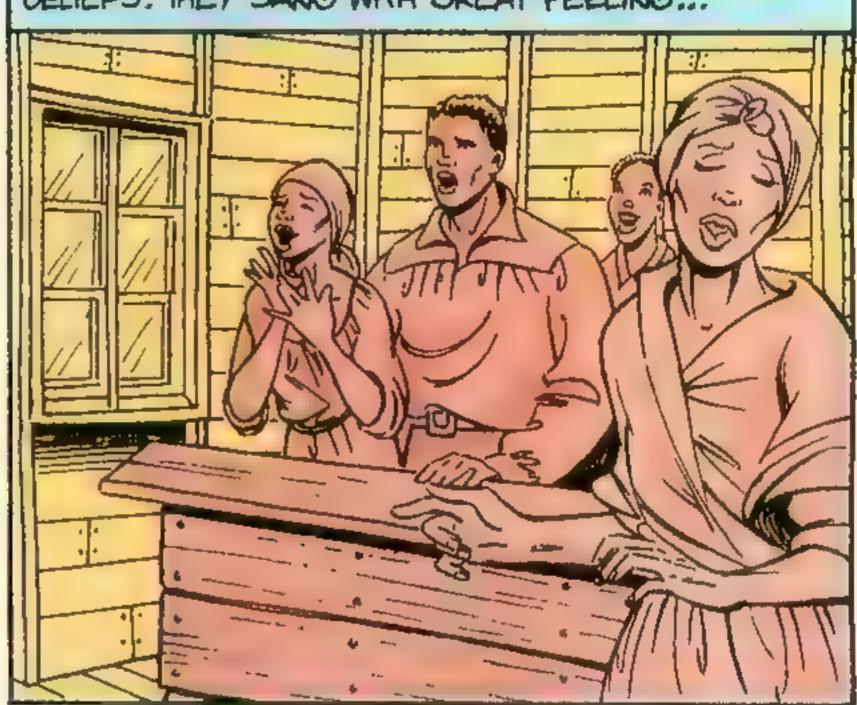


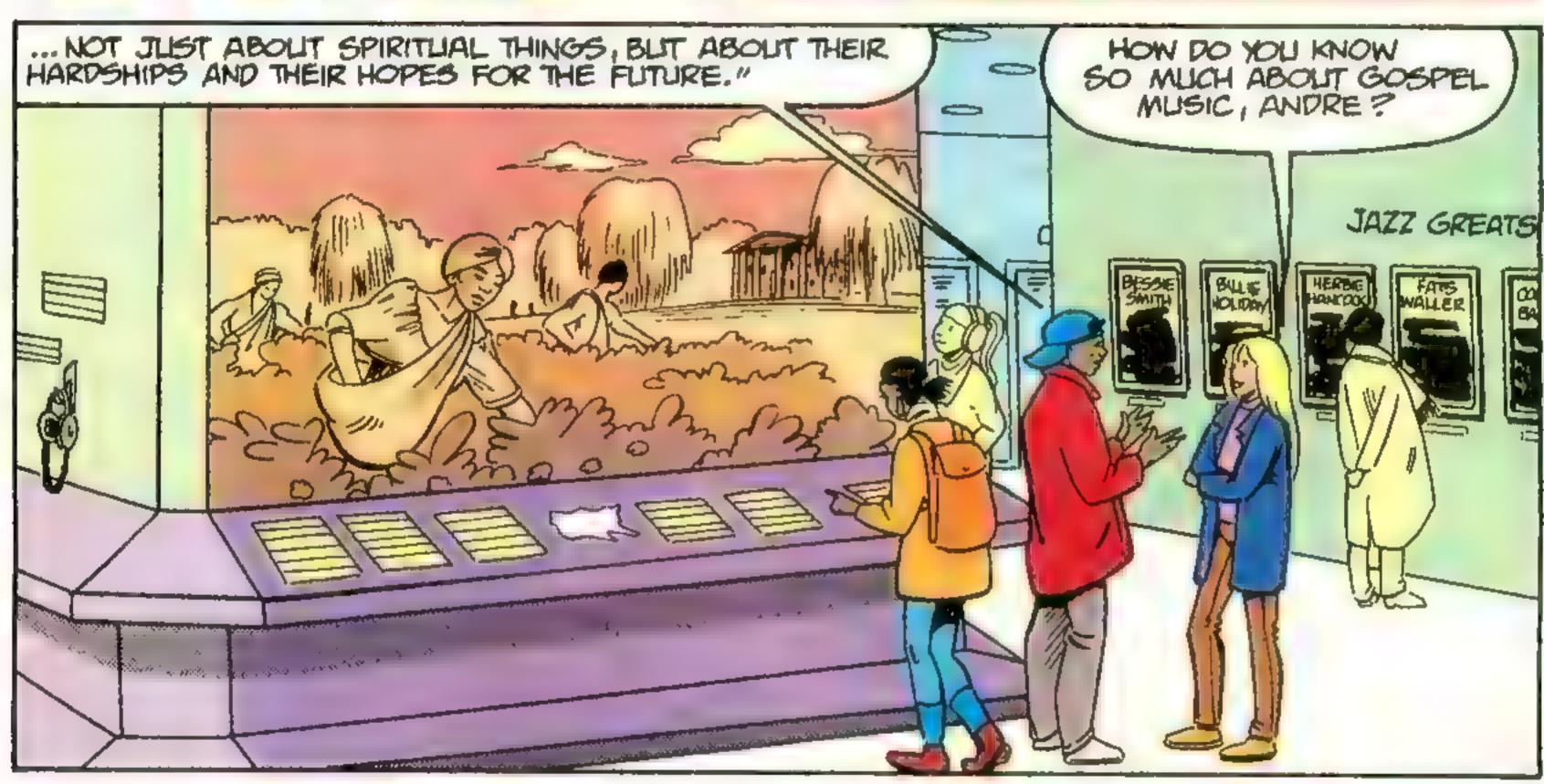




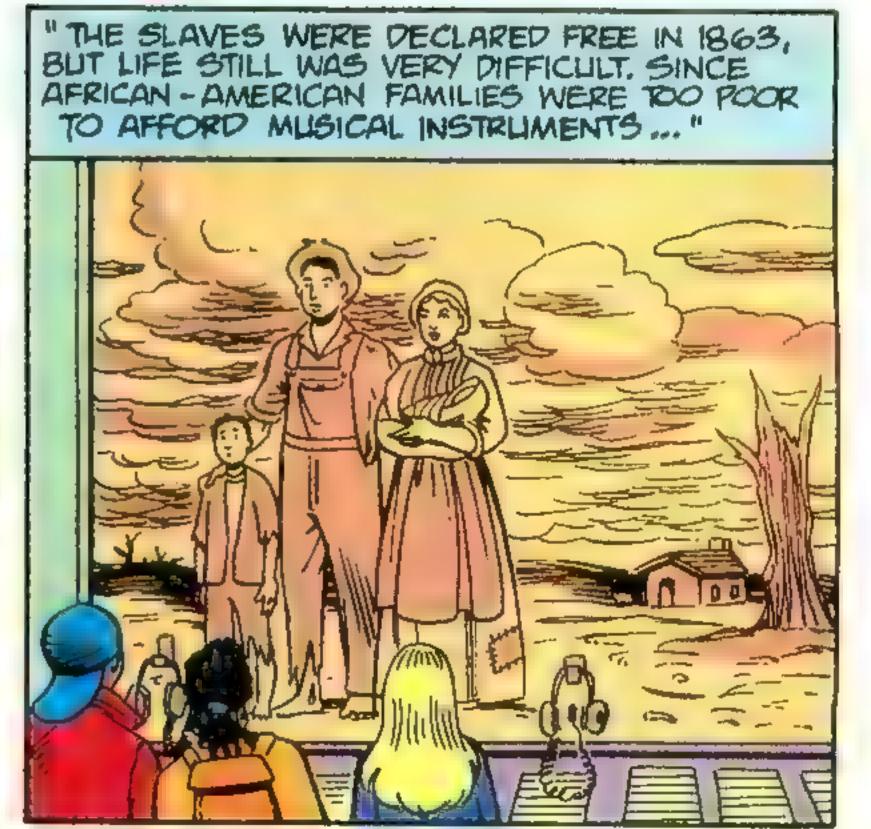


"THE PLANTATION OWNERS TAUGHT THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TO THE SLAVES. THE SLAVES USED GOSPEL MUSIC TO SING ABOUT THEIR OWN BELIEFS. THEY SANG WITH GREAT FEELING...





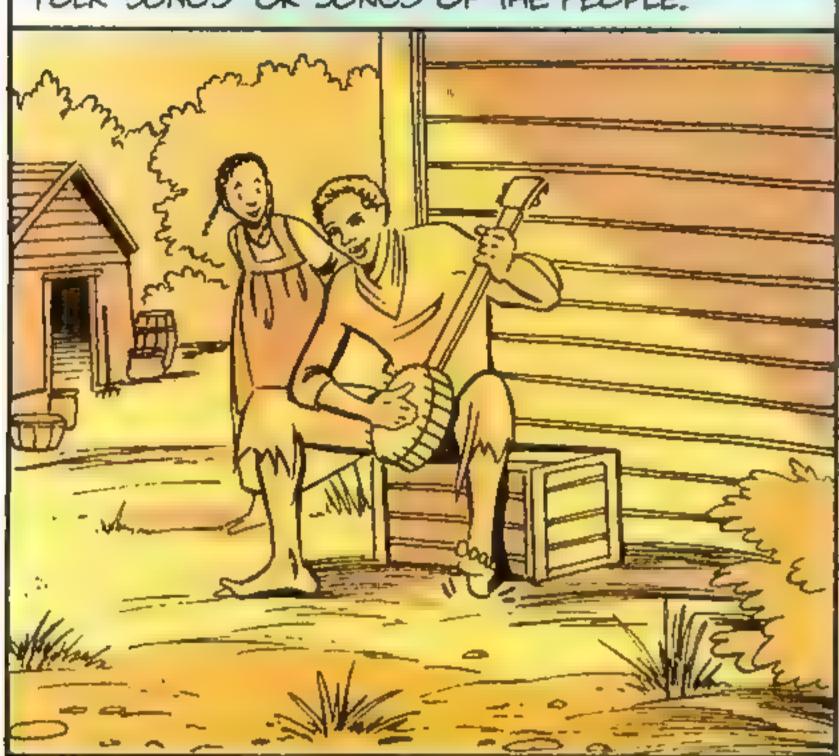








THEY USED HOME-MADE GUITARS OR BANJOS TO SING 'FOLK SONGS' OR SONGS OF THE PEOPLE."



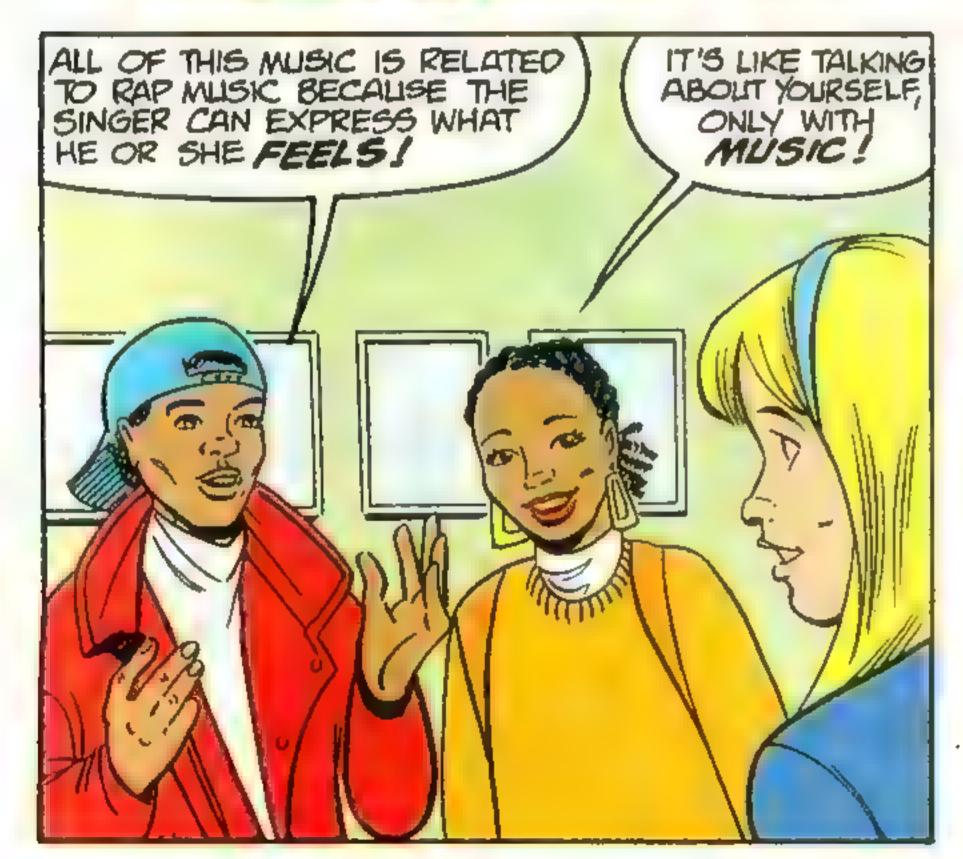


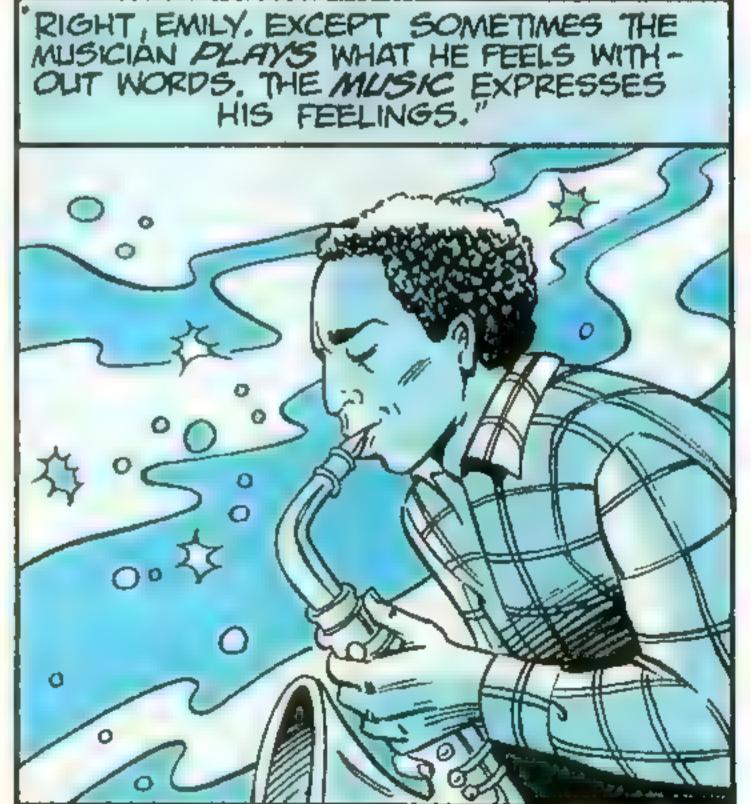
NOT ALL BLUES ARE SAD, SKIPPER. IT'S JUST ANOTHER WAY OF EX-PRESSING YOURSELF...LIKE JAZZ!



"... JAZZ SINGERS LIKE TO SING THE WORDS OF A SONG IN INTERESTING AND LINEXPECTED WAYS. GREAT SINGERS AND MUSICIANS HELPED AFRICAN-AMERICANS GAIN ACCEPTANCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ... "





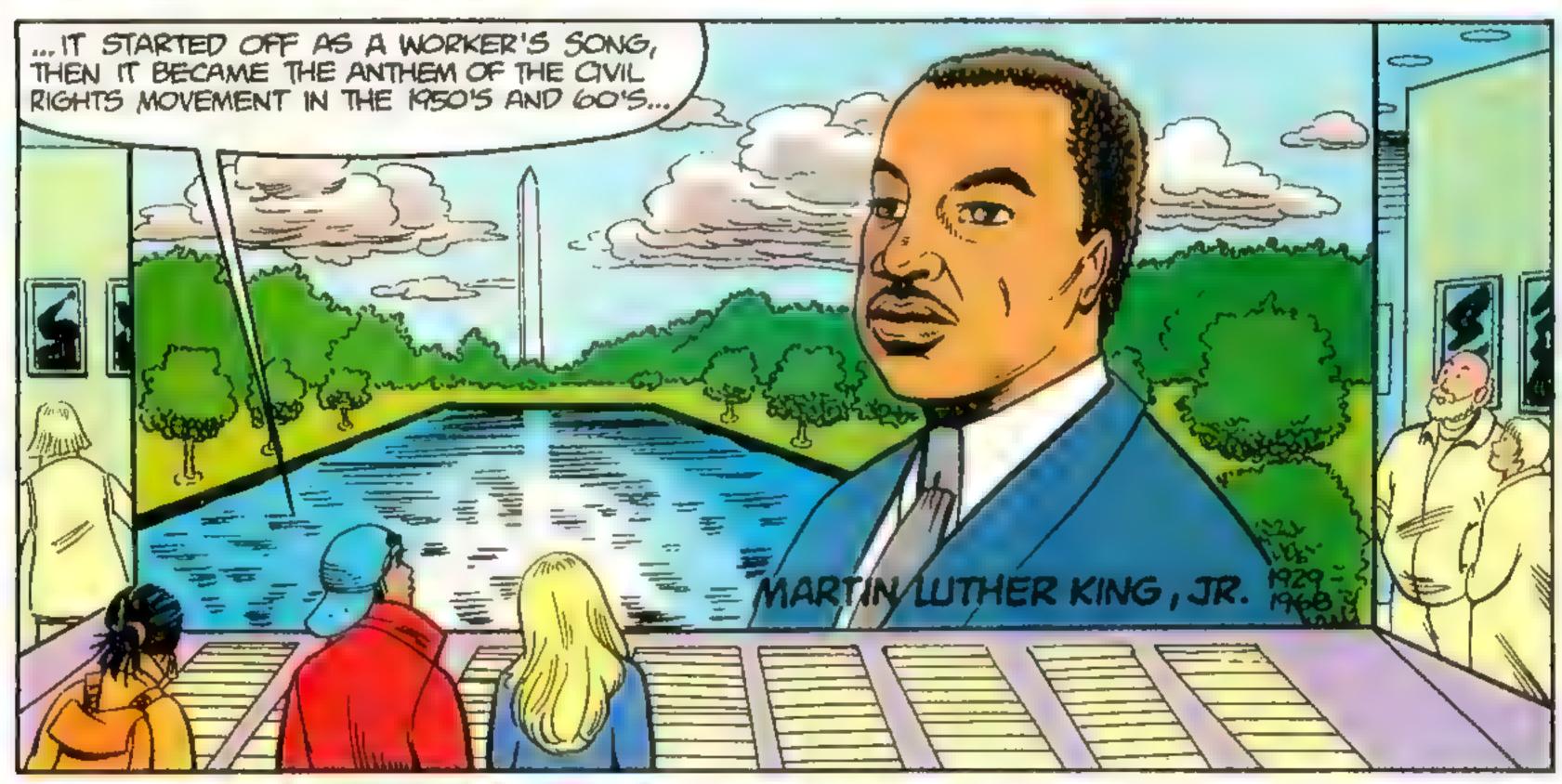


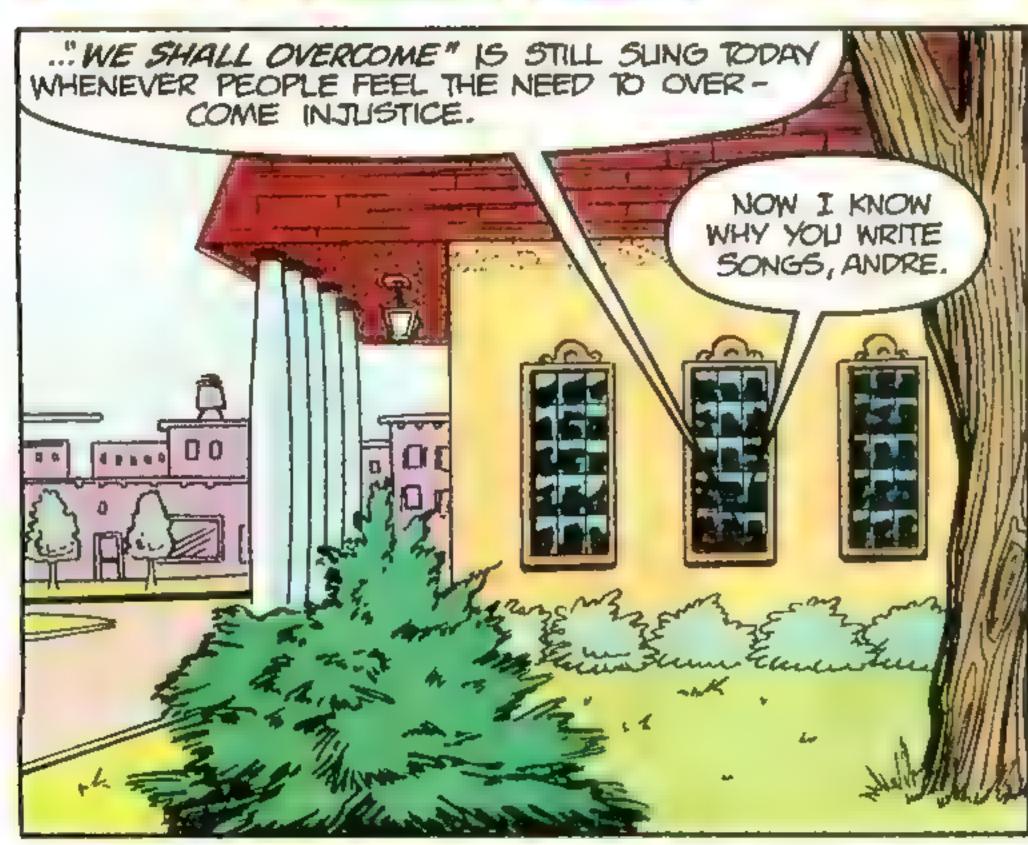


"TODAY, AFRICAN - AMERICANS SING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES THROUGH ALL FORMS OF MUSIC: OPERA, COUNTRY, WESTERN, SOUL AND ROCK..."

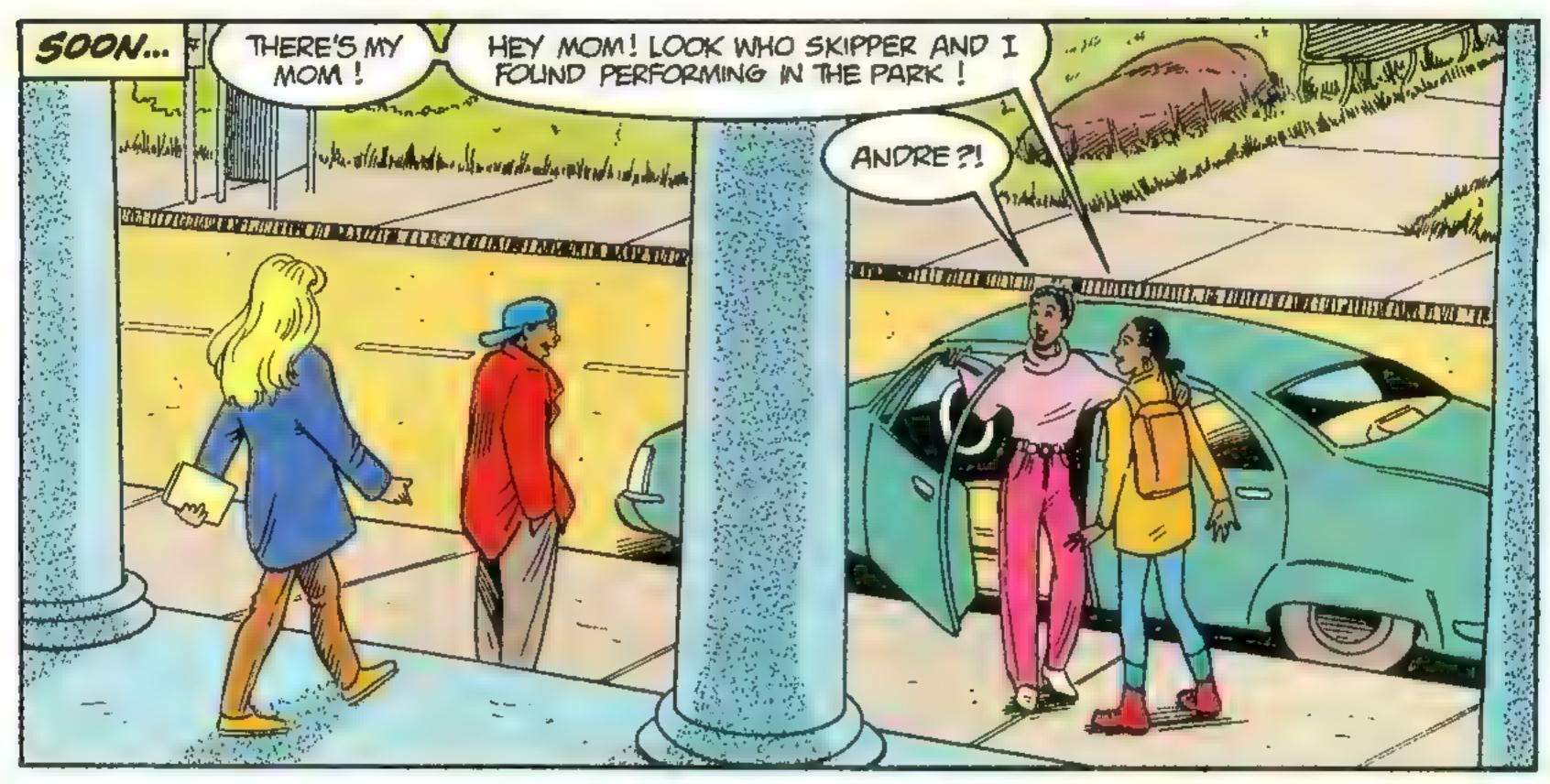






















Dear Barbie,

Hil I've cherished Barbie ever since I was three years old. She has been my best friend and role model for years. Barbie is not only a beautiful person outside, but also beautiful inside. I want to thank creator Ruth Handler for a wonderful doll! I think you are doing a wonderful job. Hove the front cover of BARBIE #41 and BARBIE FASHION #17.

Christina Hefner, age 16 Hickory, NC

Thanks for the kind words, Christina. I'm sure it makes Ms. Handler and Mattel Toys happy to know they have brought so much joy to so many people with Barbie.

Dear People Who Make Barbie,

I didn't write "Dear Barbie" because I know Barbie Isn't real. I have bought Barbie since I was four years old and ever since I was six, I have wondered many things. Why do you make innocent children think they will have a big house, a nice car, a boyfriend, a perfect nose, perfect eyes, a perfect mouth, a small stomach and a big chest? I know someone whose mother will not let her have a Barbie because she's afraid her daughter might start thinking that she's going to be the same as Barbie.

Jennifer Bicknell, age 10 Brea, CA

You raise some interesting points, Jennifer. It is important to remember that Barbie and her world are fantasy, not reality. Barbie is about hopes and dreams; she should look her best and do her best to set an example for her fans. Barbie has inspired many people to follow their hopes and shoot for the top in whatever they want to do!

Dear Barbie,

I really enjoy reading your books! I got my first Barbie doll when I was four and I've been a reader of BARBIE comics for two years. I have 18 of your comics. I like them, but there is one thing wrong. I read your comics in five minutes! So make them longer or come out more often! I'm your biggest fan!

Paige Rich, age 10 Andover, NJ

We wish we could give you more stories in each book but comic books only have 22 pages! When you finish the BARBIE comic, you might consider reading the BARBIE FASHION comic!

Dear Barbie.

Hove your BARBIE FASHION comic. Hoved the Sugar Plum Fairy outfit and the lesson in the story was very important. The lesson was to just be yourself! Barbie is right, it's easy to copy someone else, but it's difficult to be yourself!

Meredith Dill, age 8 1/2 Jackson, OH

Who said you can't learn an important lesson in the pages of BARBIE comics? Besides increasing your vocabulary and fashion sense, you can also learn about yourself!

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

I'm writing because I admire all the work that you put in BARBIE FASHION. One of my goals is to do what you do, which is to bring smiles to all sorts of kids around the world. One of my hobbles is collecting BARBIE and Disney stuff! Keep up the good work!

Jessica I. Smith, age 10 1/2 North Las Vegas, NV

We have jots of fun putting out BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics, Jessica! Since you collect Disney stuff, guess what!? Marvel comics publishes all-new stories of THE LITTLE MERMAID, BEAUTY & THE BEAST, ALADDIN and THE DISNEY AFTERNOON! Be sure to check at your local comics shop or newsstand!

Deor BARBIE.

I will get to the point of this letter; there are problems going on In this world and you don't have any problems in your adventures. I know your adventures are not real life, but life is not perfect and my opinion is that you should mention more problems in your stories.

Amy Crawford, age 9 Houston, TX

BARBIE stories are supposed to be fun and entertaining, because there are so many worries in everyday life. But Barbie has tackled some very Important issues in these pages ranging from homelessness to a broken heart to the environment. We hope you enjoy all of Barbie's stories.

Dear BARBIE,

Although my friends think I'm too old to like Barbie and read BARBIE, I still do. Barbies are for any age and you know that because of all the ages that send letters to you. I've

drawn some designs up for Barbie, but I don't think they are very good. The reason that I have not sent them in is because I cannot draw Barbie very well. Do you have to draw your own design on a person or can you just draw It, color it and send It in? Well, I better go, my dinner is ready.

Cristina Bartera, age 11 Jasper, TN

The Barbie fashions can be drawn any way you want to, Cristina! The designs go to our professional artists who draw your fashion on Barbie! So send them In, we'd love to see them! By the way, what's for dinner?

Dear Marvel Comics,

I just got married, and looking at your June BARBIE I wondered, dld Barbie ever get married? She was invented the year I was born, so I thought she might be married, too. They do have the Barbie wedding doll.

Teri Bagwell Birmingham, AL

Barbie is still single and currently has no wedding plans! But she loves modeling wedding dresses...most recently in December's special double-sized 50th issue of BARBIE comics!

### BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

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It's that time again — time to wish a very hoppy birthday to the many BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers who will be celebrating a birthday this February!

2/2, Mercedes Jones, 9, Los Angeles, CA 2/11, Kristina Nelson, 10, Killeen, TX 2/13, Sarah Patten, South Bend, IN 2/13, Stephanie Crookall, 9, Dunnville, Ontorio, Canada

2/14, Kimberly, 7, Syosset, NY 2/18, Kristeen Evans, 11, Sierra Vista, AZ 2/22, Erin Thelen, 6, Salem, OR 2/25, Mariel Lagman, 8, Las Pinas, Philippines 2/25, Stephanie Churma, 6, Burlington,

Ontario, Canada 2/28, Alfreniqua Harperer, 10, Danville, VA

Happy Birthday to these and all the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating their special day this month!

If you would like to see your birthday here, send your name, age, address and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Be sure to send it six months ahead of time!

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### LADY IN RED!

It's time for hearts and flowers! As love fills the air and chocolates are given to sweethearts, Borbie looks ravishing in these lovely red fashions sent to us by you — the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers! We only have room here to print a few of the hundreds of fabulous fashions we've received. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do! Happy Valentines Day!

If you have a fashion for Barbie, for any occasion, be sure to send it to us here at BARBIE, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY, 10016. Please be sure to include your name, age and full address!



Nina Fagiola, age 10 Locust Valley, NY

Shauna Volgt, age 10 Austin, MN

